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» Alien registration, floating benchmarks, new fees

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Court OKs final report, closes file

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After a lengthy litigation that dragged on for nine years, the federal court on Friday approved the final report of the Garment Workers Trust Fund and closed the file of the class action against the garment industry.

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Democratic Party seeks affiliation with national group

» Borja says OIA report defective, cites failure to comply with law

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The Democratic Party's candidate for the U.S. delegate post, Jesus Camacho Borja, standing back at left, poses with his supporters during Saturday's sunset gathering at the Minachom Atdao Pavilion in Susupe.

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With over a thousand registered members on island, a resurgent NMI Democratic Party expects a more organized and stronger organization for this November's election, with hopes of being affiliated with the national organization soon.

Party chair Jesse Torres disclosed that they are now awaiting the decision of the national Democrat Party on their bid to become part of the national group. He said a decision is expected in August, where a local representative may be sent to the national event.

An estimated 200 individuals attended last Saturday's sunset gathering for the party's first general assembly this year, during which the group's official candidate for the U.S. delegate post, Jesus Camacho Borja, was also introduced to old and new partymates.

"This is a good turnout…and we can say the party is growing. We've seen a lot of new faces tonight and that's a positive indication for the party," Torres told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that the party's first fundraiser last week was also a big success.

Because of his strong educational background and exceptional experiences in government service and politics, the party is confident that Borja is the perfect candidate for the position, Torres said.

Torres, party vice chair Luis Arriola, former representative and staunch Democratic supporter Justo Quitugua, as well as Rota's Committee-to-Elect Jesus Borja chair David Santos, were the event's keynote speakers.

According to Quitugua, the local group's affiliation with the national Democratic Party will be a big factor in their desire to become successful in November.

"I hope our people would realize that if you don't have party [in the national], sometimes they don't pay much attention to you because they are partisan people. And let's admit that we have challenges here that we cannot just solve here and we require assistance and support from the U.S. Congress. Aligning our candidate with a national party would be a great help for the CNMI," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

The gathering was also highlighted by raffle drawings, free dinner, and non-stop entertainment.

'Defective' OIA report

Borja described the report submitted by the Department of the Interior to Congress as defective in many ways and he urged its recall for a proper study to occur.

"The report [on the proposed improved status for nonresident workers] is defective in many ways. But the worst defect is the fact that it did not comply with the law," he told the crowd, citing the lack of proper consultation with the local government.

Once elected, Borja said he will urge Congress to reject Interior's report because it did not comply with the law. He asked for people's support in order to accomplish this goal.

"Please help me help you. I will give you professional, competent, and effective representation in the halls of Congress," he said.

As a U.S. representative, Borja said two things have to be accomplished:

"First, your representative has to serve you by ensuring that legislation introduced in Congress provides for the betterment of all Americans, including residents and citizens of our young and great commonwealth. He must ensure that the rest of the nation never forgets about the people of Northern Marianas," he said.

Secondly, he said, the representative must work to ensure that the Covenant is promoted, protected, and defended in Congress.

"He has to know when and how to use the rights that we kept…he has to be on the alert at all times to protect our Covenant," he added.

Borja will run against Republican Party bet Juan N. Babauta, Covenant Party's Joseph Camacho, and incumbent Gregorio Kilili Sablan.

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Public hearings on improved status open to all

The Senate public hearings on the U.S. Department of the Interior's recommendations to grant improved status to some 20,000 foreign workers in the CNMI will be open to everyone in the community regardless of immigration status and nationality.

Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) said yesterday this is the reason why it is called a "public hearing."

He said anyone can attend the public hearings, whether they are indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians, foreign workers, employers, employees, or students.

Manglona said the schedule of the public hearings will be finalized this week.

The Senate will conduct public hearings on Saipan, Tinian and Rota to gauge the opinion of all those living in the CNMI on the Interior's recommendations to grant long-term status to alien workers who have been legally residing in the CNMI for at least five years.

Manglona tasked Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), chairman of the Committee on Federal Relations and Independent Agencies, to conduct the hearings as soon as possible and report recommendations within 90 days. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

Man gets 3 months for embezzlement

Superior Court Associate Judge Ramona V. Manglona has imposed a three-month prison term on a man who embezzled apartment rental payments intended for his employer.

Manglona sentenced Jeffrey Bonsol Manalo to five years in prison, all suspended except for three months without parole, for theft by unlawful taking or disposition.

Manglona gave the 30-year-old Manalo credit for the one day he had already spent in jail.

Manalo was ordered to report to the Department of Corrections on July 19, 2010, to begin serving his sentence. He will be released on Oct. 16, 2010, and then placed on supervised probation for five years.

The judge also ordered Manalo to pay $7,100 in restitution to the victim, Dr. Gene Eagle-Oden, plus a $100 court assessment fee and probation fee.

Manalo was also required to perform 100 hours of community service and write a letter of apology to CNMI citizens and Eagle-Oden and have it published in two local newspapers.

Manalo agreed to plead guilty to theft by unlawful taking or disposition as part of a plea bargain. In return, the remaining charge was dismissed.

Dr. Eagle-Oden filed a complaint with the Department of Public Safety on March 16, 2009, against his then employee, Manalo, for collecting rental payments but not turning over the money.

The embezzlement was discovered by the doctor's accountant when some of their tenants who were given notices to vacate for non-payment of rents complained that they already gave their payments to Manalo. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Summer course on marine fisheries, resources for high school students

The Department of Lands & Natural Resources will be offering a high school summer course on Saipan about marine fisheries and resources.

Sponsored by the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, with funding provided through the NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, this exciting and informative summer course will feature guest lectures, class activities, hands-on presentations and field trips.

It will be held from June 21 to July 2, 2010, from 8:30am to 3:30pm, Monday – Friday, at the Division of Fish & Wildlife conference room in Lower Base, Saipan.

High school students interested in participating in this course should submit your application form no later than June 11, 2010, to course coordinator Richard B. Seman.

Participants will learn about fish biology and fish habitat, coral reef, marine preserves/sanctuaries, fishery data and creel sampling, cultural and traditional fishing, fish cleaning and preparation, fisheries conservation and management, fisheries economics and marketing, fishing gear and techniques, fisheries research, fishery rules and regulations and statutes, marine debris, fishery enforcement program, seafood safety, stock assessment , and CPR and first aid certifications.

Special requirements include:

■ Neighbor island students must arrange own air transportation and accommodation;

■ Students are responsible for their own lunch;

■ Students must participate in all lessons / activities and be able to participate in future workshops as scheduled permits;

■ Students must be entering or finishing grades 10 to 12;

■ Parental consent and waiver forms must be completed;

■ Registration limited to 12 to 15 students

For more information and application form, contact Seman at 484-4986, 288-4986 or Jack Ogumoro at the Department of Lands & Natural Resources in Lower Base, Saipan at telephone (670) 322-9830/34, fax (670) 322-2633, or by e-mail at marfishmag@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

LABOR

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The final rules also change the 20-percent local hiring requirement into a floating benchmark, incorporate changes contained in Public Law 17-1, and require employers to submit a workforce plan that include a timetable for replacing aliens with qualified citizens.

The 65-page CNMI Employment Rules and Regulations were published in the May 21, 2010, *Commonwealth Register*, which was distributed on Friday.

Under the newly amended regulations, every alien who remains in the CNMI longer than 90 days shall be required to register annually and to comply with an ID system.

Failure to comply with the alien registration and ID system shall result in a misdemeanor and upon conviction, shall be punished by jail for up to 90 days, or a fine of up to $500, or both.

The parents or legal guardians of aliens under 18 years old are responsible for the child's registration.

The CNMI Department of Labor will be conducting the registration for all classes of aliens.

"Registered aliens will be issued an identification card, which will contain the name of the alien, the LIDS number, such identifying information as the secretary may require, and the expiration date of the card," the regulations partly read.

Labor Secretary Gil M. San Nicolas, in a public notice of certification and adoption of the labor rules, said the department "received no comments stating reasons against its adoption."

Labor incorporated seven changes to the final rules, mostly technical changes that the department said were "non-material."

San Nicolas said they received one comment that pointed out the problem of a lack of regulations from the Department of Public Health secretary so that the department could put into operation the insurance pool provided in P.L. 15-108.

"That commenter also requested additional language about deductions for co-pay and insurance premiums. A clarification was added for co-pay but insurance premiums may require a case-by-case analysis as to the cap on deductions," San Nicolas said.

He added that Labor circulated the proposed regulations extensively before publication and adopted the informal oral comments it received in the proposed regulations that were published in the April 19 *Commonwealth Register*.

Labor gave the public 30 days from April 19 to comment on the proposed regulations.

"These regulations are effective on June 1, 2010 and shall not apply retroactively to applications filed or proceedings in the Administrative Hearing Office that were pending before that date," the final rules stated.

The amended rules include implementing the changes in definitions provided in P.L. 17-1 or the omnibus immigration bill that asserts CNMI control over nonresident workers, and removes all references to immigration and deportation from the Commonwealth Code to conform with the federalization law that became effective on Nov. 28, 2009.

Labor said umbrella permits may be revoked by order of a hearing officer for failure to comply with Commonwealth law or regulations, failure to appear at a hearing, or conviction of a felony or more than one misdemeanor, among other reasons.

The regulations also reiterate job preference for qualified citizens, CNMI permanent residents and U.S. permanent residents in the private sector.

It said the number of citizens, U.S. permanent residents or CNMI permanent residents or their immediate relatives shall equal or exceed the number of foreign workers in the private sector workforce unless attainment of this goal is not feasible within the current calendar year after all reasonable efforts have been made by the employer.

Reporting requirements

Employers of foreign nationals are required to keep six sets of information for at least two years, and present these upon written request by the Labor secretary or his designee.

These include personnel and payroll records for each foreign national, receipts for cash payments, documentation for each foreign worker, the employer's business license and security contract information with respect to each foreign national worker, and the number and type of employment-related accidents or illnesses involving workers and adequate identification of each worker involved.

Employers are also required to provide Labor with a workforce plan that aims to increase the percentage of U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents, and CNMI permanent residents and their immediate relatives in the workforce of the employer.

A workforce plan shall also identify specific positions currently occupied by nonimmigrant aliens.

It shall also include a timetable for accomplishing the replacement of nonimmigrant aliens with qualified citizens, CNMI permanent residents, and U.S. permanent residents until the workforce participation objective is met.

Fees

The Department of Labor is now implementing at least 22 fees ranging from $5 to $300.

However, posting a job vacancy announcement, registration to transfer, attendance at orientation, filing of workforce plan, and mediation of labor disputes, are free of charge.

Labor imposes a $300 fee for an application for an approved contract, including initial, transfer and renewal. But there will be no fee if a federal fee has been paid.

There's also a $250 fee for an application for an approved contract for non-business employers. Again, there will be no fee if a federal fee has been paid.

The other fees range from $5 to $150.

These include:

■ $150 for processing a temporary work authorization;

■ $150 for expedited processing, in addition to the fee;

■ $100 for request for certificate of good standing;

■ $50 for replacement or duplicate permit;

■ $50 for request for extension of transfer;

■ $35 a month for contract extensions of up to six months;

■ $25 for contract amendment or change;

■ $25 for annual registration;

■ $20 per person for filing a complaint with the Hearing Office; and

■ $5 as penalty for untimely renewal.

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Alex R. Munson, the court relieved the Garment Workers Trust Fund trustees of further duties.

Munson also approved the trust fund's request to donate a remaining balance of $5,314.07 to the non-profit group, The Friends of the Library.

Trust fund chair Timothy H. Bellas filed the final report as counsel and chairman.

The former Garment Oversight Board established the trust fund. The board, then also chaired by Bellas and two other members, was set up pursuant to the $20-million settlement agreement in the class action against the garment industry. Munson closed the board in October 2008 and formed the trust fund.

In adopting and approving the final report, Munson noted that no interested party opposed the report.

"The trustees, having fully and faithfully disclosed their obligations to the court and the beneficiaries of the trust, are hereby relieved as trustees," Munson said.

Pursuant to the court's order of Jan. 15, 2010, the trustees were authorized to use the remaining funds to repatriate former garment workers to their point of hire.

If funds still remained after that, the trustees were allowed to donate the funds to charitable organization(s) and render a final report to the court, along with a motion to discharge them as trustees.

The trustees, Bellas said, did not receive or approve any requests for repatriation since their last report on this matter. However, he said the trustees received a request for a donation from The Library Friends on April 19, 2010.

"The trustees determined that the request merited a donation, especially in view of the benefit which is conferred on all segments of the Saipan community, including nonresident workers," he said.

Therefore, Bellas said, the remaining funds in the amount of $5,314.07 were donated to The Library Friends.

In his last accounting report, Bellas said the balance of the operational account funds as of April 30, 2010 was $5,944.57.

He said attorney's fees, printing/copying costs for the period ending May 14, 2010, totaled $630.50.

In January 2010, Bellas donated a total of $625,000 in trust funds to 14 non-profit organizations on Saipan.

The donation became controversial after seven persons tried to stop Bellas from donating the $625,000 in left over funds from the settlement.

Some former garment workers even held a rally in front of Bellas' office and in front of the federal court. The workers expressed disappointment, saying the money should instead go to them who are still on Saipan and are facing hardships.

But Munson denied the workers' motions. He said the nine-year-old litigation has to end at some point and that point has been reached, after years of court monitoring.

DPL

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planned investment.

Any lease of public land consisting of more than 5 hectares requires legislative approval.

Neo Gold Wings had planned to build an ambitious $1 billion, six-star hotel casino on a 300-hectare public land on Tinian.

Public Lands Secretary Oscar M. Babauta said the 60-day grace period had lapsed in end-May without Neo Gold Wings settling its arrears with DPL.

"It's now official that as of May 29, their land lease has been terminated, pursuant to the 60-day notice that DPL gave them. Should they still wish to continue the project, they now have to go through the same process again, including seeking the legislature's approval," Babauta told *Saipan Tribune*.

The investor also did not communicate with DPL anything about its plans to date.

Its chairman, Hyun Myung, did not make a phone call, write a letter, or send an e-mail to inform DPL that he wouldn't be able to make it to the planned Thursday meeting last week.

Myung originally set a May 31 meeting with Babauta, but postponed it to June 3. However, June 3 passed but there was no word from Myung, Babauta said.

"It's very unfortunate, what happened to this investment although we recognize the financial problems of investors… I was hoping that they will resurrect the project but there was no communication of any form," Babauta said.

The Legislature approved Neo Gold Wings' land lease on March 6, 2009, on a 25-3 vote.

Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), one of those who supported the land lease last year, said yesterday that it's "unfortunate" that Neo Gold Wings was "unable to live up to the conditions on the permit/lease."

"The Legislature approved their lease based on their capability and their proposed development in the Northern Mariana Islands. Obviously, we were convinced of their plan but they still have to live up to the conditions stipulated in the lease agreement," Hofschneider said.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), who also approved the land lease, said stipulated conditions must be enforced by DPL.

Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) said DPL is correct in enforcing the terms of the lease agreement, and to make sure that the public land at issue would be made available to other investors who may need it for their investment.

"We welcome investors, but they have to meet the terms of the lease they signed with DPL and approved by the Legislature," he said.

DPL records show Neo Gold Wings owes DPL $78,470.31 in monthly land lease and interest charge, from March 21, 2009 to March 1, 2010. Of this amount, $74,129.03 is for the monthly rentals, and $4,341 is for the interest charges.

Flame Sako Resort & Spa, which also received a notice of default on the land lease, was able to pay DPL over $48,000 in unpaid land leases and interest charges recently, and informed DPL that it will pursue its $60 million to $80 million hotel project in As Matuis/Marpi. The DPL secretary met on May 28 with Kang Dae Sik, president and chief executive officer of Flame Sako Resort & Spa.

Hundreds line up on first day of McDonald's-Red Cross campaign

A mother and her children were among the first to line up at the McDonald's counter Saturday morning to avail of the store's promotional campaign that started last weekend. The monthlong program aims to increase awareness about the importance of helping the community.
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McDonald's kicked off another successful promotional campaign on Saturday, with hundreds lining up as early as 8am at its outlets in Garapan and Middle Road to take advantage of discounts on the menu and a chance to help the less fortunate through the local Red Cross.

Ana Olaes, McDonald's general supervisor, described the early morning of June 5 as "unusual" for both McDonald's outlets to accommodate such a large volume of customers.

Starting last Saturday and throughout all Saturdays in June, McDonald's is expecting more diners to avail of this one-of-a kind promo, during which customers present raffle tickets at the counter to avail of discounts. At the same time, 20 percent of their total purchase will be donated to the local American Red Cross fund.

The promo is from 8am to 2pm of each Saturday in June.

Olaes said McDonald's initially printed out 10,000 raffle tickets for the campaign.

Olaes disclosed that throughout the month, the store will lower the prices of close to 50 percent of some of their products such as the Happy Meals, breakfast meals, and other Extra Value Meals for ticket holders.

For those who will purchase more than $15 worth of items, they are eligible to join a raffle draw on the last day of the campaign where big prizes await winners.

The first prize winner, Olaes said, will win a roundtrip ticket to any part of Asia, courtesy of Delta Air Lines. Other big prizes—courtesy of McDonald's—include $500 cash, CLD flat screen television, iPod, microwave oven, and a number of consolation prizes.

After the monthlong campaign, the store will turn over 20 percent of the promo's proceeds to the American Red Cross.

Olaes said the campaign is McDonald's way of fulfilling its mission to help the community and its people but she also acknowledged their customers' desire to help the less fortunate.

"McDonald's wants to increase awareness of the importance of helping the community. We know that a lot of people wants to help the American Red Cross but are embarrassed to bring their $5 donation to the ARC. So we came up with this idea where we let them purchase from us and 20 percent of their purchase will be donated to ARC. I think our customers will feel good about this," she said.

Olaes disclosed that just for the initial hour of last Saturday, hundreds lined up at their counters at the Middle Road store. Both stores made sure that they were fully staffed to accommodate the needs of each customer.

McDonald's is owned by businessman Joe Ayuyu and has been consistently helping the American Red Cross and other community programs. It has been doing business on island for 17 years.

Drug addict gets 1-week sentence for relapse

The federal court has imposed a one-week prison term on an ex-convict who admitted to using methamphetamine or "ice" many times while on probation.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge William Alsup placed Darrell M. Quitugua in the custody of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for one week.

Within a month of being released from prison, Quitugua will be brought to Guam at his own expense where he will report to the Salvation Army Lighthouse Recovery Center for participation in a residential drug treatment program.

The judge said Quitugua shall abide by all program rules and requirements and continue to comply with all conditions of supervised release while in Guam.

Alsup prohibited Quitugua from possessing a controlled substance and barred him from using illegal drugs.

He also ordered Quitugua to refrain from drinking any alcoholic beverages.

Alsup required Quitugua to pay a $200 court assessment fee and participate in a program approved by the U.S. Probation Office for substance abuse.
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PSS unveils pool of local talents, performers

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

The Public School System unveiled on Saturday a large pool of local talents and performers during the launch of the Art Exhibit and Performance Festival at Hopwood Junior High School's grounds.

The event saw the participation of hundreds of school children from three islands, showcasing numerous artwork and demonstrations that included visual arts, handicrafts, contemporary dances, and song interpretations.

Because of the successful turnout this year, festival coordinator Jonas Barcinas said the committee is thinking of making the event a competitive one next year.

A total of 12 schools sent delegates to the event, which was primarily aimed at documenting the effectiveness of art and performance classes under the system's vocational technical education curriculum.

Besides the art demonstrations, students will also compete in musical art performances next year such as jazz, band, choir, and contemporary dances.

"This event is part of our CTE program and we're very happy with the turnout. After seeing all our students' works and how they performed today…I truly believe that we have a great pool of future artists and talents," he said, adding that many of the students' works seemed professionally made and crafted for the festival.

PSS offers art classes to middle and high school students under the CTE curriculum. To showcase a wider variety of talents, the festival also invited young artists from elementary schools.

The festival, which was also organized by CTE coordinator Jessica Taylor, is a celebration of what the students learned in art classes throughout the school year.

Artwork, Barcinas said, also show the effectiveness and dedication of teachers who guide and push students to reach their full potential.

For Nikki Ivee Ibarra, a junior student of Marianas High School, the festival not only helped students show their artistic abilities but also promoted art as worthwhile hobby.

Ibarra's artworks were among the 66 visual paintings her school showcased at the event. The island culture and its important symbols were the usual subjects of her work. Ibarra once competed in a privately-sponsored art competition this year.

For Shanice Guerrero, 7th grade from Hopwood Junior High, it is through her artwork that she could freely express her views and feelings. She loves to draw and paint since childhood and wants to pursue a career in art someday.

Man accused of slapping gets 1-day sentence

The Superior Court has imposed a one-day prison term on a man accused of slapping a female household member.

Associate Judge Ramona V. Manglona sentenced Alfonso Sablan Palacios to six months in prison, all suspended except for one day, for disturbing the peace.

Manglona gave the 36-year-old Palacios credit for the one day he already spent in jail.

Palacios was placed on probation for six months and required to pay a $25 fine, $25 court assessment fee, and $60 probation fee.

He was also directed to perform 25 hours of community service and directed to stay away from the victim during his probation.

Palacios agreed to plead guilty to disturbing the peace as part of a plea bargain. The remaining charges were dismissed.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BID
CUC-IFB-10-032

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified individuals or firms for the urgent supply of major overhaul and limited running parts for MITSUI #1 OVERHAUL project at Rota Power Plant CNMI.

Emergency generator sets will be used to power the island of Rota, while CUC takes down MITSUI #1 for major engine overhaul and rehabilitation. MITSUI #1 is seriously overdue for overhaul and the power situation on Rota is very critical.

A site visit and pre-bid meeting is not necessary, but bidders who wish to visit Rota power plant will be permitted with prior approval. All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on part of the proposers due to a lack of information or understanding of the plant site conditions in the course of the Contractor's preparation of a bid or performance of work under the contract.

The Scope-of-Work and Bid package will be **e-mailed** upon request, to all interested bidders, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays, **until June 9, 2010.**

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a seal envelope marked **"IFB 10-032 MITSUI#1 OVERHAUL PARTS"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 10:00 AM,** (CHST) local time, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and wave any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

All inquires must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM local time on **June 11, 2010** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., Procurement & Supply Manager via email at msablan@cucgov.net; Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director Power System Rehabilitation via email at wallon59@yahoo.com.; Mr. Charles Manglona, Deputy Director, CUC Rota via email at charles@cucgov.net.

/s/ DEBORAH FISHER
Legal Counsel

/s/ ABE UTU MALAE
Assistant Executive Director for Operation

/s/ ANTONIO S. MUNA
Executive Director

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CUC-RFP-10-036

IMPLEMENTATION OF WORKPLANS AT CUC POWER PLANT NOS. 1 & 2

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced environmental firms for the Implementation of workplans at CUC Power Plant Nos. 1 & 2, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The work includes installation of equipment, data collection and development and implementation of clean up measures. Deliverables also include submission of periodic and appropriate sampling and assessment reports, proposed cleanup action /plan and performance report. A final report will also be required that shows the workplan implementation. All the work will be done as a part of the US EPA Stipulated order No. 2 response action and is subject to their approval. This project will be funded through the grant awarded by the US Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs.

The Scope-of-Work will be e-mailed upon request, to all interested Offerors, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays, **until June 17, 2010.**

One (1) original and Six (7) copies must be submitted in a seal envelope marked **"CUC-RFP- 10-036 Implementation of Work plans at CUC Power Plant Nos. 1 & 2"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **June 22, 2010 at 10:00 AM, (CHST) local time.** A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Manuel B. Sablan, Procurement & Supply Manager at email msablan@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Late submissions will not be considered.

A Pre-proposal Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on **June 14, 2010 at 9:30 AM (CHST) local time** at the Saipan Lower Base CUC Power Plant No. 1 Administration Bldg.

All inquires must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (CHST) local time on **June 18, 2010** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Manager, Procurement and Supply Manager via email msablan@cucgov.net; Technical Manager for Oil, Mr. Will Sword via email sword.william@gmail.com and Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Managing Engineer, Power generation, via email venu@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. Contract/s will be awarded to the most responsive proposers, as adjudged by the Source Selection Committee (SSC). CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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Assistant Executive Director for Operation

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Executive Director

Park tops Ladera International School's Class of 2010

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REPORTER

Nineteen-year-old Yuri Park emerged this year's outstanding graduate of Ladera International School of Saipan, which promoted 32 students during its fourth annual commencement exercises at the Pacific Islands Club Friday night.

School officials conferred diplomas on seven high school graduates and promoted eight junior high school, five sixth graders and 12 kindergarten children during the same ceremony that was witnessed by over a hundred guests and spectators.

Yuri Park, the daughter of Pan Yoon Park and Mi Kyung Park and this year's class valedictorian, acknowledged all the people who helped her succeed in high school.

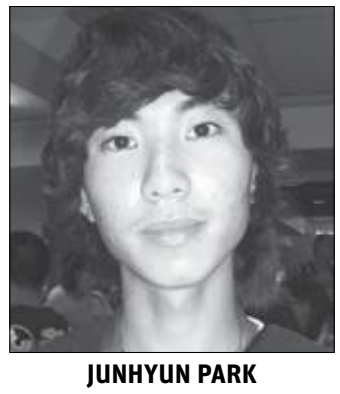
Being a foreign student, Yuri Park admitted that she went through some tough times. "I have been studying here in Saipan for three years. Because I am not a native of this country, I had to go through a difficult time in adapting to a foreign school…but I continue to strive and endeavor to learn and keep my passion for learning," she told the crowd.

"There is no one who can assure us what one's future will be but if we keep our passion to succeed, there is nothing that is impossible," she added.

Yuri Park wants to become a surgeon someday but for now, she plans to enroll at the Northern Marianas College where she is eyeing a liberal arts course.

YURI PARK
Valedictorian

CHAN-HWI PARK
Salutatorian



JUNHYUN PARK
Salutatorian

"I know that it will be a long and hard run… but I am not afraid of the challenge because my passion to succeed is with me," she said.

Ladera International School named Chan-hwi Park and Junhyun Park as this year's class salutatorians.

Chan-hwi Park, the older brother of Yuri Park, will also pursue college at NMC but he is as yet undecided on the course he will take this fall semester.

Junhyun Park, meantime, is the son of Jihyun Lee. The 19-year-old will also enroll at NMC after graduation.

Both students expressed excitement and looks forward to their college days.

Other high school graduates this year included Min Jin Seo, Hyunjung Ahn, Yoo Hyung Cho, and Min Hee Lee.

The eight graders who were promoted to high school included Czarina Anne Lizama, Maria Angelica Malasarte, Shanna Layne Mendoza, Ciuss Mostales, Suk Joo Park, Dhale Larsen Posadas, Barbara Ann Kristele Sarmiento, and Elizabella Reid Terlaje.

Incoming junior high students were Wen Hao Huang, Joshua Judd Mateo, Erin Rose Pacheco, George Pangelinan Jr., and Judy Ann Sanchez.

School officials led by principal Dr. Jack Angello and vice principal Mary Susan Satur led the presentation of deplomas. Also in attendance were school president Yong Nam Park, vice president Yong Sung Park, and director/owner's representative Wayne Pangelinan.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Availability for the Mariana Islands Range Complex Final Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS)

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations [40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 1500-1508]) and in accordance with Executive Order 12114, the U.S. Navy, on behalf of the Department of Defense Representative Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of Palau (DoD Rep), has prepared a final EIS/OEIS that evaluates the potential environmental effects of ongoing and proposed activities within the Navy's existing Mariana Islands Range Complex. It contains analyses of the potential impacts associated with ongoing and proposed military training, research and development, and testing activities, as well as proposed enhancements to the capabilities of the range complex.

The final EIS/OEIS includes analyses of the potential environmental effects on these resource areas: geology, soils and bathymetry, air quality, hazardous materials and wastes, water quality, airborne noise, marine communities, fish and essential fish habitat, sea turtles, marine mammals, sea birds and shore birds, terrestrial species and habitats, land use, transportation, demographics, regional economy, recreation, cultural resources, environmental justice and protection of children, and public health and safety.

In compliance with the CEQ regulations, public hearings were held in association with the draft EIS/OEIS. Public hearings are not required for the final EIS/OEIS. The final EIS/OEIS includes written and oral comments received during the public review of the draft EIS/OEIS and responses to those comments. The DoD Rep will make his decision, which will be recorded in the Record of Decision after the 30-day waiting period.

The final EIS/OEIS has been made available to individuals, agencies and organizations that requested a copy of the final document or provided comments on the draft EIS/OEIS. An electronic copy of the final EIS/OEIS is available for public viewing at **www.MarianasRangeComplexEIS.com.** It is also available for review at the following information repositories:

- ***Guam*** – University of Guam, Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library, Government Documents Room, 671-735-2321 and Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library, 671-475-4753
- ***Saipan*** – Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, 670-235-7322
- ***Tinian*** – Northern Marianas College, Public Library, 670-433-0504
- ***Rota*** – Rota Public Library, 670-532-9443

Written comments on the final EIS/OEIS must be postmarked or received by **July 6, 2010**. Comments should be mailed to Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific; Attn: MIRC EIS/OEIS Project Manager; 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100; Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134. Comments can also be submitted via fax at 808-474-5419 and e-mail at marianas.tap.eis@navy.mil.

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MBA names four as its top graduates

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YONG HWA CHOI
Valedictorian

ESTHER EO
Valedictorian

DO HEE KIM
Salutatorian

PATRICIA CAMILLE SABLAN
Salutatorian

Four Marianas Baptist Academy students were named top graduates in this year's commencement exercises, during which 30 students were conferred diplomas in a ceremony held Friday night at the Pedro Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Seventeen-year-olds Yong Hwa Choi and Esther Eo were awarded the highest academic honors as class valedictorians while Do Hee Kim and Patricia Camille Sablan were selected as this year's salutatorians.

Yong Hwa Choi is the daughter of Hye Seon Hwang and Yeon Tae Choi. She will pursue college at the Seoul National University where she will take up dermatology. She was also given the Principal's Award and was one of the Stem awardees.

To be on top of her class wasn't an easy job because it required a lot of hard work and sacrifice, Choi said. However, harvesting the fruits of all her hard work was truly worthwhile and fulfilling, she added.

She urged her fellow graduates to make the best of everything to pursue their dreams.

Esther Eo, daughter of Dae Sun Eo and Eun Soon Kim, was giddy at the honors given her during the ceremony.

"I can't believe I am actually here graduating…I am so happy that I made it to the top!" she told *Saipan Tribune.*

Eo will pursue college at the University of California in Los Angeles where she will take up chemistry.

"I am sad that this is our last day…but I am also happy that we've come this far together. I just hope that all of them will pursue their dreams in life," said Eo.

She described her high school days as "fun, hectic, crazy, fast, and exciting." Eo also received other recognitions such as the Loyalty Award, Journalism Award, and A Honor Roll.

This year's salutatorian honors were bestowed on Do Hee Kim, the daughter of Yoon Sook Lee and Kyung Duk Kim, and Patrician Camille Sablan, the daughter of U.S. Rep. Gregorio Sablan (D-MP) and Andrea Sablan.

Kim will pursue veterinary medicine at the Seoul National University while Sablan will enroll at the American University where she will take up political science.

Besides academic awards, MBA also conferred the Loyalty Award on Jennifer Im Lee, Moon Richard Park, Sablan, and John Yoon.

Moon Richard Park and Do Hee Kim were also given the leadership awards.

MBA also recognized Esther Eo and Micaela T. Demapan with the Journalism Award while Federico Fernandez and Hee-Leina Mae Kim were named athletic awardees.

On the principal's list were Yong Hwa Choi, Young Eun Lee, Kristine Joy Leynes, Jessica Im Lee, and Hanbert Jeong.

Sixteen other awardees were selected for A-honor roll and B-honor roll and Stem awards.

MBA and its principal, Ramir Trinidad, promoted 17 junior high school and 13 high school students during Friday's ceremony.

The event was keynoted by Justice Miguel Demapan.

Rota chief wants labor enforcement officers empowered

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REPORTER

Rota Labor Resident Director Richard E. Taisacan wants the Rota Legislative Delegation to empower labor enforcement officers, specifically giving them the authority to arrest to be able to enforce labor laws.

He said the CNMI Department of Labor's regulations are insufficient and incapable of fully enforcing the law as intended.

"The CNMI DOL enforcement officials must be empowered to bring offenders to our courts and prosecute repeated offenders, assess monetary fines, or incarcerate offenders or both as applicable in accordance with the law," Taisacan said in a letter to the Rota Legislative Delegation through Rota Mayor Melchor A. Mendiola.

Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), chairman of the Rota Legislative Delegation, said in a phone interview that the idea of empowering labor officers with arrest authority is still being discussed.

Taisacan said his proposal, once adopted, will provide for additional cash flow, restore trust and confidence, and will act as deterrence to would-be labor violators. He also said that it is "good to have a system that is enforceable."

He said there were numerous cases where DOL is unable to collect unpaid wages from employers because the department lacks the authority to enforce the administrative orders.

"This is the primary reason why the federal government had lost confidence in the CNMI DOL to enforce its labor laws. Absent from that is an extensive labor reform laws at the state level that mirror the stringent federal labor laws," he added.

Taisacan said the Rota DOL's Enforcement Section "is very good at enforcing the law."

"Please empower them to put an end to the abusiveness of both employers and employees," he added.

The resident director said while the CNMI government will lose control over foreign workers in the CNMI on Nov. 28, 2011, it is not too late at this time to initiate labor reform to remedy existing labor problems.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CPA-RFP-004-10

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting SEALED PROPOSALS for **PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) BRAND NEW DESKTOP COMPUTER, ONE (1) 55" HDTV MONITOR AND ONE (1) PORTABLE COMPUTER CART** to the following airports:

- Saipan International Airport, Saipan, CNMI
- Amata Kabua International Airport, Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands
- Chuuk International Airport, Chuuk, FSM
- Kosrae International Airport, Kosrae. FSM
- Pohnpei International Airport, Pohnpei, FSM
- Yap International Airport, Yap, FSM
- Babelthuap Koror International Airport, Republic of Palau

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: ***"Proposal for the Procurement and Delivery of One (1) Desktop Computer, One (1) 55" HDTV Monitor and One (1) Portable Computer Cart".*** The proposal must be submitted on or before **4:30 p.m., Monday, JUNE 14, 2010,** to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

The procurement consists of the procurement and delivery of the above-subject equipment to each respective island's Airport Authority, all in accordance with the specifications. The specifications for the computers, the monitors and the carts can be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd floor of the arrival building at the Saipan International Airport. The specifications for the computer are mandated by the Federal Aviation Adminsitration so there will be absolutely no substitution of components for desktop computer system.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes and shipping and handling costs that will be charged to the company awarded the procurement, including excise tax. CPA will not consider unjustifiable cost escalations due to unforeseen circumstances once contract is executed.

The contract period for delivery of all equipment to each respective island shall be **THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS** from issuance of purchase order.

Inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals may be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to cpa.admin@pticom.com no later than June 7, 2010.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 3.6. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
Acting Executive Director

June 1, 2010
Date

Northern Mariana Islands
RETIREMENT FUND

PUBLIC FORUM ON RETIREMENT ISSUES

The Retirement Fund Board of Trustees, together with the Administrator and Deputy Administrator, would be holding a Public Forum to address the issues affecting the Retirement Fund Program.

Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2010
Place: Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe, Saipan
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Open Forum
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Fund Presentation

All retirees and active members of the Retirement Fund are encouraged to attend this forum to gain better knowledge and understanding of the issues and the efforts being made by the Retirement Fund in protecting the Program.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 7, 1999

Manglona: I did not plead for mercy
Breaking his silence, Sen. Herman M. Manglona on Friday said he did not ask mercy from his colleagues on the plan to squeeze him on paying the potential $4.5 million in penalty against the CNMI government under a land clearing dispute on Tinian. Senate Vice President Thomas P. Villagomez also backed up his claim, saying the upper house is just "taking a look at the merit of the resolution," which would express its position that Manglona be held personally liable for the costs to be incurred by the government. "I never asked for mercy. I never pleaded for mercy," said Manglona, reacting to an earlier report on the Senate move.

NMC's adult ed ready to receive NAP recipients
The Adult Basic Education of the Northern Marinas College is ready to establish partnership with the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation and the Nutritional Assistance Program in the implementation of the welfare to work grant. According to ABE Director Fe Calixterio, both NMHC and NAP are preparing a grant proposal to finance the local welfare to work program. However, Calixterio emphasized that with or without the grant, NMC's adult school is ready to accommodate students who are under the federal welfare program. "The ABE is ready anytime. We don't have to wait for the grant. All they need to do is send us the students," she said.

June 7, 2000

Override looms on budget veto
Lawmakers are plotting possible override of Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio's veto on the FY 2000 budget bill. But it is uncertain whether they will have enough votes of two-thirds from each chamber. Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider said the eight House members in the minority bloc have agreed not to support an override, noting that such a move will mean "negligence in our responsibility." There was no official statement yet from the 10-member House leadership, but Floor Leader Oscar M. Babauta said they still need to discuss what course to take.

Kumoi to Tinian, Rota senators: Give up $60K allowance
Keeping his tight watch on his colleagues' expenditures, Sen. Ramon S. Guerrero yesterday prodded senators from Rota and Tinian to give up the $60,000 subsistence allowance each of them receives annually for holding office on Saipan. He said that such funding, although approved by the full body in a Senate resolution, should be presented before the public to allow them to decide whether it is necessary. Scrapping the allowance could help the government cut costs, providing additional resources to critical programs like education and health, Mr. Guerrero wrote in a four-page letter to Senate President Paul A. Manglona.

June 7, 2001

$2 million needed for more PCB tests
Assistant Attorney General Murphy Peterson said it is crucial that the Legislature approves the proposed appropriation of $2 million to carry out additional tests in Tanapag Village. Peterson emphasized in an interview the need for a separate and independent test of villagers to determine the extent of PCB contamination. Further, the counsel noted that other areas believed to be exposed to PCB and capacitors were not included in the random testing conducted by the US Environmental Protection Agency and should be submitted for another round of tests. This includes private land formerly owned by the government, drainage systems and other buildings in Tanapag Village.

Manglona scorns teacher reduction
Rota Mayor Benjamin Manglona has appealed to the Public School System to abandon plans to cut Rota's share of teaching staff, warning it would be detrimental to student achievement. Manglona, in a letter addressed to Education Commissioner Dr. Rita H. Inos, aired his opposition over what he termed as discrimination on the part of PSS to deprive Rota's children the ample number of teachers the students are entitled to. "Such reduction policy would mean hardship, discrimination, threat to accreditation, and reduction in the quality of education in Rota," said the mayor. But Inos, in an interview, said that PSS is not implementing a teacher reduction policy and that more importantly, the school system is not at all discriminating against Rota.

Island Snapshots

CONGRATULATIONS!
Shanna Mendoza, Dhale Larsen Posadas, and Isabella Terlaje graduate on June 4, 2010, with honors for Valedictorian, Salutatorian and 3rd honor during the Ladera International School of Saipan's Middle School Commencement Exercises. Our congratulations to you all for your accomplishments and achievements in your education! We're so happy and proud of you! And to the LISS Class of 2010, congratulations and never stop dreaming!

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To the Jabbarockers, our congratulations to all of you! This not the end of a long journey! Keep up the good work!

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Congratulations to Wendelle Lhiza R. Posadas for being the 2nd honor, and getting special awards such as Best in Phonics, Writing, Arts & Crafts during the K4 promotion ceremonies held May 28 at Joshua Generation International Academy.

Hanna Diaz, Wendelle Posadas, and Isabel are promoted from K3/K4 with honors at Joshua Generation International Academy.

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Wendelle Ihiza and Isabel Gamboa graduate from Joshua International Academy with honors. We're so proud of you girls! Keep it up! We love you dearly. Love, from your parents and friends.

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Congratulations to Jared Devin Pangelinan Sablan, who graduated from the 8th grade class of Mt. Carmel Catholic School on May 29, 2010. "We love you and we are all proud of you. Keep up the good work!" Greetings come from Dad, Mom, Shiara, Junjun, and Hiromi.

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Congratulation to Joshua Judd Mateo on your graduation on June 4, 2010, at PIC Saipan. We are proud of you! From your family.

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LIBRARY WEEK
Sen. Jovita Taimanao and Library Council's Joe Limes and Herminia Fusco wait their turn to get their blood pressure and glucose levels checked by the Department of Public Health's Diabetes Prevention and Control Program personnel during the National Library Week 2010 at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.

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NEW GRADUATES
Congratulations to all graduates of Ladera International School of Saipan, especially the 6th graders. The Ladera International School of Saipan held its 4th Commencement Exercise at the Pacific Islands Club on June 4, 2010.

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT
Happy birthday to Yoshie Takagi, who is celebrating her 26th birthday on June 7! Warm greetings come from your daughter Ina and all your friends on Saipan! We wish you the best on your special day! Otanjoubi omedetou!

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EDITORIAL

Oily politics

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People who have never wished the Obama administration well are smacking their lips in glee because they believe the BP oil spill will be as politically damaging to the president as it is environmentally harmful to the Gulf Coast.

"I don't see how the president's position and popularity can survive the oil spill," said former Reagan speechwriter Peggy Noonan, who suggested in her *Wall Street Journal* column Tuesday that Republicans shouldn't be too quick to dance on Obama's grave.

The Republican political hierarchy, though, sees only opportunity in Obama's mishandling of this crisis. Don't hold your breath waiting for them to express regret that BP's oil rig exploded after Obama, seeking bipartisan support of his energy bill, pledged allegiance to the Republican position that more U.S. waters should be open to offshore drilling.

Maybe finding himself on the wrong side of the drilling issue is why Obama's response to the spill that began April 20 has been so inadequate. He took too long before visiting the ecologically damaged area on May 2. For too long, he left the impression that BP was unilaterally calling the shots on plugging the gushing pipeline.

It is especially hard to see how Obama could have miscalculated public reaction to his perceived aloofness, given the damage to President George W. Bush's political standing after he similarly was tardy in paying attention to the same Gulf states after Hurricane Katrina struck in 2005.

Attorney General Eric Holder traveled to the coast Tuesday to meet with federal and state prosecutors to discuss possible criminal, civil or environmental charges in connection with the explosion that also left 11 people dead. That's fine, but the focus now should be on stopping the oil.

In that same vein, it provided little comfort to the people who depend on the coastal waters for their incomes to see Obama announce Tuesday that he was appointing a commission, similar to the panel that probed the 1986 space shuttle Challenger explosion, to look into the BP oil spill.

Finger-pointing is what you do after an event is over. That's not yet the case. Oil is still flowing from the damaged pipe, and none of BP's efforts to stop it has worked. If the latest idea fails, it could be August before the leak is finally plugged. By then, Alabama and Mississippi will have joined Louisiana with spoiled beaches.

"What's being threatened—what's being lost—isn't just the source of income, but a way of life; not just fishable waters, but a national treasure," Obama said Tuesday. Yes, the stakes are high for the environment and the economy. But they're also high for him.

HURRICANES GET NAMES. TORNADOES LOOK SCARY.
BUT EVEN THOUGH WE DO A TON OF DAMAGE, WE STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS DON'T GET THE RESPECT WE DESERVE.
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OMAHA WORLD-HERALD

Liberation and self-determination

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Vergara is a regular contributor to the Saipan Tribune*'s Opinion Section.*

Our LibFest chair, Jonas Barcinas, and Saipan Mayor Donald Torres launched a monthlong celebration Friday toward the 4th of July, billed as Liberation Day for Saipan when in 1946, the U.S. Navy officially liberated Saipan. A year later, the Northern Mariana Islands became a District of the U.N. Trust Territory in the Pacific.

The liberation process celebrated this month began in June of 1944 when U.S. forces landed on Saipan to banish Imperial Japan's *kamikazes* from their stranglehold of the islands. U.S. forces wanted Tinian with its strategic airport; it would serve the flying fortresses headed north to silence Tokyo Rose's voice. They also effected atomic fusion over the skies of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 that ushered the Nuclear Age.

In American political lexicon, four terms have compelling meanings. The first is that of *"emancipation,"* remembered by the northern part of the Union above the old Mason-Dixon line and ignored by those south of it. Emancipation is Abe Lincoln's historic freeing of slaves from bondage. Most originated from the settlements around the Niger River in West Africa. To social Darwinists at the time, they were inferior to the European Aryans who were busy building empires around the world.

Virginia Gov. McDonnell's proclamation of Confederacy Day failed to mention slavery. With the Tea Party spirit ascending in U.S. politics against a "socialist" in Pennsylvania Ave., we see the arrogance of racial prejudice constitutive of the political experiment called "the United States." An effective executive of African-American descent who is alert and articulate just do not sit well in the bellies of a few of our fellow citizens.

GIs did not emancipate Chamolinians. Japan treated islanders well before WWII, and although they were only "subjects" of Edo's throne rather than "citizens," they were never enslaved by any stretch of the imagination. Harshly treated during the war, yes, as all territories were under *Banzai* rule. Disloyal, yes, for Guam's experience with the Red-White-and-Blue proved to be stronger than the whip, waft and wave of the Rising Sun.

South of the border, were one considered a *Liberador,* one joins the company of saints. We are more known for failing to liberate the Embassy personnel in Tehran that cost Jimmy Carter his presidency; we do not brag much about Reagan's liberation of medical students in Grenada when the threat of socialist rote memory schooling loomed on island.

But we call July 4, 1946 *Liberation* Day, the same day the war-torn and devastated Philippine Commonwealth was given the pink slip to journey alone, to fall in line for war reparations, and "BTW, of all the uniformed forces that fought under U.S. flag, you brown brothers will only get a percentage of every one else's benefits, and we don't care what Roosevelt proposed and Dugout Doug promised. There!"

What then were the Chamolinians liberated from? Japan, of course, and we do wish half a million of them would return annually to honor their ancestors' memory! A million would be much better but the Mikimoto pearls are being undersold by the inland variety in Shanghai, so Japan is in recession too, and Perry at MVA will not quibble too much with numbers. Now, what then were the islands liberated for, again?

We read frequent references to the CNMI not choosing *"independence"* but rather, they expressed their sense of *"self-determination"* in entering into a Covenant. Roget might have had a lapse here. The Thesaurus equates "independence" and "self-determination" as synonymous. So, did we sell our soul to the Pentagon store? Only yesterday, we were still mom-and-pop-in' it with Hatoyama before the PM exited for failure to dismantle an Okinawa Marine base as promised. Didn't Willens and Siemer lay it out clearly that the national security of the Empire was at stake early '70s, with Vietnam receding not to our favor and Marcos in the Philippines playing hardball, Mao's missiles pointed across Formosa Straits and the Koreas nibbling at each other's disrespect-full zones? And we're just talking East! We needed forward military bases as teeth to Kissinger's *detente*!

It is actually disingenuous to juxtapose "independence" and "self-determination," as if the "or" implies different choices rather synonymous options. Still, we can say that we "self-determined" to surrender our independence like the rest of the TT, and be dependent on Uncle Sam, instead. Jane Mack pointed out in a recent blog that we chose to be U.S. citizens. So let us take on the responsibility of citizenship, for crying out loud!

Emancipation, liberation, independence, self-determination—all very American terms. King George's journal entry on July 4, 1776 was, "Nothing of importance happened today." Well, let that not be said of our monthlong trek to July 4 Liberation Day. Let us find ways this month to show that we were liberated for "self-determination," and we are self-determined to be U.S. citizens, and by gum, we will out-citizen anyone. Obama might even visit us. The SVES kids invited him on his first day in office!

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The local labor force training has begun

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is the former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

Today I want to brighten your day by telling you that a local labor force is being trained to fill jobs that have been filled by nonresident workers. In a few more years we will have thousands of trained local personnel to handle almost any job. There is more of a local labor force than anyone has counted and they will fill the jobs

As I have often repeated: *A country is only as strong as its educated and skilled workers.* Slowly this message is being understood and acted upon. We are rising to the challenge.

After reading this article, please come and visit our facilities to see for yourself the opportunities that await you and your children. You may also want to enroll and start a new career. If you don't know where we are, call 235-6684 for directions. You are welcome anytime.

When Northern Marianas Trades Institute first started the initial enrollment was only 30. In less than two years it has mushroomed to 263 students! At present the Northern Marianas Trades Institute has students enrolled in the following courses: electrical, plumbing, carpentry, painting, masonry, auto-repair, sewing, culinary, beautician, and hospitality. As the institute receives requests for additional courses, it will add them.

Slowly employers are beginning to hire our students. We have students working at the Hyatt, the Palms Resort, Triple J, Marianas Resort and Spa, Pacific Island Club, Shell Delta Management, and other companies. But the most wonderful thing happened last month in May. CUC's Power Plant 1 hired 16—yes, 16—of our students as trainees for their plant! One of them was a woman, the first to ever work in the power plant.

All these young men and women are the promise of a skilled local workforce capable of filling the void slowly being created by the exodus of our nonresident workers. Working daily with the students, I see and feel the change that is coming over them as they discover skills and talents they thought they never possessed.

A funny thing happened last week. I walked into the culinary arts class while a student was trying to flip an egg he was frying in a fry pan. After flipping it successfully, the class applauded him. I asked why. Their reply was that the previous egg he had tried to flip fell on the floor. So I joined in the applause.

When you visit the institute you will see four new classrooms totally constructed by the students. All the framing, trim work, ceiling, walling, painting and lighting was done by students. In fact, all the improvements since we moved into our spacious institute have been done by the students.

Need work done at your office or home? Call us at 235-6684 and be pleasantly surprised how well students complete your project. Put our local force to work. Give us a chance.

Remember that months before, these same students were roaming the streets trying to find themselves. They had no direction, no skills and no motivation. Today they walk tall and stand tall as they discover the pride of using their heads and hands to build.

At the institute we teach the three **H's.**The first **H** is for the head in which we develop attitudes. A student learns to have a positive attitude toward his work, his fellow employees, his employer and himself. Without a positive attitude, he will never become a good craftsman.

The second **H** stands for the heart. From the heart he learns work ethics and moral responsibility. He learns to respect himself, his fellow employees, his employer and customer. He realizes that he must be at work on time. He becomes responsible. Without a good work ethic, he will never be a good craftsman with pride.

The third **H** stands for hands. With his hands and tools, he creates things inspired by the head and heart. Until he understands that he must combine the **Head,** the **Heart** with the **Hands**, he will remain only a mediocre worker and never become a craftsman. Thus in a short period of time, the derelict young man or woman slowly becomes a valuable asset to himself and to his community.

NMTI is blessed to have found Vic Cepeda as the Education director. Many of you know him as the former principal of Marianas High School. Vic is totally dedicated and enthusiastic about improving the work habits of all the students. He is constantly counseling them. Don't be surprised if you see him in your office or at PTA meetings encouraging parents to send their sons and daughter to NMTI. Though retired he has come forth and is willing to share his experiences with youth. As he constantly reminds me: "This is our island. We must train our local people."

The three other staff members are also dedicated to helping students find a place and role in our community. A special thanks to all our instructors. All of them realize the importance of their work. I am proud to work with all of these people. They are dedicated to creating a local skilled workforce.

One of the most gratifying phases of the program is the placement of students in the workplace. The institute assists all students seeking employment to find a job. The idea is that the student will work full time where he practices what he learns in the institute, and in the evening he attends the institute to further his studies.

To date no students have graduated because most courses require three to four years training. But all are learning more and more daily till they graduate. Most of the learning is by hands-on activities.

I could go on and on raving about NMTI, but I urge you to visit and see if there isn't something we can do for you. Perhaps you may want to learn a trade or begin a business. Parents, please encourage your sons and daughters to enroll in NMTI. When they join they will be surprised to find many of their friends already attending classes.

Because most of the students do not have any money, NMTI solicits donations and funding from many sources. To date the Legislature has assisted by granting some funds. The NAP agency has also helped as has the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, and the Bank of Saipan. One of our strongest supporters is the Workforce Investment Agency under the direction of Ms. Edith Deleon Guerrero. Not only does WIA help pay the tuition for many of students but also assists the employers of students during their training period.

I tell people who ask me about the institute to talk to the students currently attending what their thoughts and feeling are about what is happening to them at the school. The students' reactions are the real test of the quality of training and pride that is being instilled in them.

Those of us who are retired, those of us who want to learn a skill, those of us who are unhappy with our present job, those of us on welfare—visit NMTI and begin a new career. As more and more of us become skilled and trained, opportunities will open up. This will result in better wages earned with pride. The CNMI will only grow as we become skilled and trained people. There is no other way.

The future lies in our hands. Let's not fumble it. The CNMI desperately needs trained skilled workers. NMTI is also appealing to all employers when you need new people, please give us a call. We will select the right student for you. By working together—the employer and NMTI—we will create a solid workforce.

NMTI is the gateway to our future employees and to our country's prosperity. Visit NMTI and see what it can offer you. Yes, a local workforce is being trained. Come and help NMTI and ourselves.

Kaiha i tiempon abundansia

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Yangin ta guiguife na u libianu ha'anita gi ti apmam yan pagu, makat ta benefisia ennau na hinasota sa kakaiha i ekonomian enteru elmundu ha birague tatte gi hagas yanu na plaset, segun i mas man-atbansau na ekonomista siha.

Mampos ti asegurau este na kinalamten. Pot esso na man-mafaisen todu kabesanten banku na u fan na' halom ripot kada semana para uma'analisa hafa masusesede gi ma-implementan nuebo siha na areglu. Yangin guaha adelantu pues siempre umabasiha huyuñg gi enteru i tanu. Parehu yangin guaha mas chinatsaga.

Señat na trabiha enteru elmundu ti mafatu gi fondun pisun chinatsaga. Ginen este, makat ta sañgan na guaha adelantu para i tautau siha. Hafa kumeke ilegña este na ripot? Kakaiha' ta lie' libianuta piot guine giya Marianas 'nai mas ha' i para ufañogñog batkota ke u gama gi hilu tasi. Pot fabot gef adahe pottanmonedan familia gi este na mattiru.

Umafagcha baban mensahe yan chinatsagata guine. I kapitan gi timon yan man-gachoñgña man-gaige pagu gi rimulinon Puntan Diablo madibibina amanu 'nai gaige Saipan. I lañgat diskuidu gi todus atmos banda mampos loka ya sumen nachatsaga yangin ta konsidedera hafa mas na mattiru mamamaila'.

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I Espirutn Kontratan Covenant

I espiritun kontratan Covenant, taya probision pot immigrasion para tautau hiyoñg 'nai siña man-sudadanon Amerikanu.

Lau deste ochenta siha na sakan mafaisen iya Marianas hafa na mampos megai hutnaleros ginen hiyoñg ya kau guaha planuña tumulaika este na finatsu. Era malagu i federat lumie' na i tautau tanu man-masueddu latatkilu gi halom industrian magagu. Lau este na ininsisten federat gueku sa sueddon hutnalerus ma-areregla segun i ganansia ni finatinas maseha hafa na bisnis 'sino industria.

Taimanu i masusesede pagu. Humalom fuetsau sueddon federat 'nai megaiña na bisnis man-hinichom. Este na asuntu gaige na sentru madiskukute guihe lagu pagu siha na tiempu sa' manpininu megai na bisnis man-dikiki.

Yangin fuetsau mapoñgga i industrian magagu sueddon federat ensegidas yan

fuetsau machom este na industria. Kau guaha tahgueña ginen i federat? Dañkulu dinidahu sa esta pagu tatnai hulie' bisnis ha tutuhongue ginen katkuet na ramas gobietnu. Todu i tiempu ginen hiyuñg gi bandan bisnis este na adelantu.

Matulaika lokue mañaña i federat deste ennau i ochenta siha na sakan. Ha soda koyenturaña gi asuntun tautau hiyuñg gi hasasañgan na direchu para este siha na tautaugue. Gi karera mona, malefa nu i tautau tanu yan hafa promesaña para hita komo obligasioña umadelanta linala'ta.

Dispues este na asuntu i pot immigrasion, patte yan petmanente na attikulu gi sisteman federat. Ayu na sumen lagse 'an ha sablasus Marianas gi maseha hafa na asuntu pot direchon tautau hiyoñg.

Maliñgu esta i industrian magagu ya ha balen huyuñg asuntun immigrasion. Mauleg pagu ta petsige muna' hassu si Uncle Sam na hita nu i tautau tanu famaguoña prefektu. Trata ham finenina tunas antes de un' aligauye i para un' adapta siha na famaguoña.

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Bastara ke matuñgu antau na kinalamten tautau, sessu hu huñgog i mañainata ma-apagat famaguon niha ('nai guaha chinatsaga 'sino inadisgustu) na u fan afamauleg. Kau i chinatsaga entalu dos umasagua pat halom mañelu 'sino bisinu, todu i tiempu sinparat inapagat inafamauleg "antes de minachom atdau". Estague' kustumbren tanu!

Hu lie un' didog na inadisgustu entalu mañelu. Ni unu malagu man-dispensa. Dispues, matai unu gi ti apmam na tiempu. Ayu 'nai man-asuda' ya sige man-a'tañgse. Kulan este un' pañgpañg napu (i guaha masohgue) para umana fan daña i hagas man-agoflie' na mañelu. Magahet, mauleg ta praktika inapagat mañainata pot inafamauleg "antes de minchom atdau".

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Malalagu un' prohimu ginen i Payless sa' mañake un' latan ham. Sige haya gi hagas konbientun pale ya ha na'na gi papa' gua'ot. Ha birague para i konfisinariu ya kumonfisat.

Finaisen as pale amanu 'nai ha polu i latan ham. Ilegña na gaige gi papa' gua'ot i konbientu. Ninae' as pale 30 na Tatan Mame yan Si Yuus Un' Ginegue Maria kumu pinitensiaña. Mientras mananatai, umekakat si pale ya ha pega halom i latan ham gi kusinan niha.

Dos semana malofan, mattu talu i prohimu kumonfisat lau pagu na biahe pot un' bonitan sutterita. Finaisen as pale haye naaña yan manu 'nai sumasaga. Ensegidas ilegña: "Hmmmm! Nañga pale! Un' hassu i ham?"

Letter to the Editor

The most present and eminent danger

It is okay to continue driving around with our vehicles going down to San Antonio, up to Capital Hill, north to San Roque and all over Garapan because that is what we called strolling even if we are wasting precious gas.

I will throw the biggest 30-cases-of-beer party and all the works, including big tents and a musical band, because it is my son's first birthday, and there is nothing wrong with that because that is what we call culture.

Picnics are unusual if there is not at least five to 10 cases of beer and the aroma of the BBQ permeating a thousand feet and that is fine because that is what we call "having a nice weekend."

Hey, that's fine! We are all working in the CNMI government. The heck, we will get another paycheck in two weeks. Everybody gets that; no need to worry even if our government is at the point of exhaustion, we will always have good paying jobs waiting for us within the CNMI government, right?

Read the newspapers, man! It couldn't be further from the truth. The CNMI government is going down, and going down fast financially. In the simplest term, what I am saying here is that the CNMI government is going *broke*! Going *bankrupt*! And that's the most present and eminent danger because we are being distracted by so many exciting things that a lot of us do not recognize this to be the real case! Even if we compare that to the DOI's recommendations to Congress, the CNMI government going broke is the most present and eminent danger. *En fin serafin.*

Alexandro "The Colonel" Sablan
Dandan, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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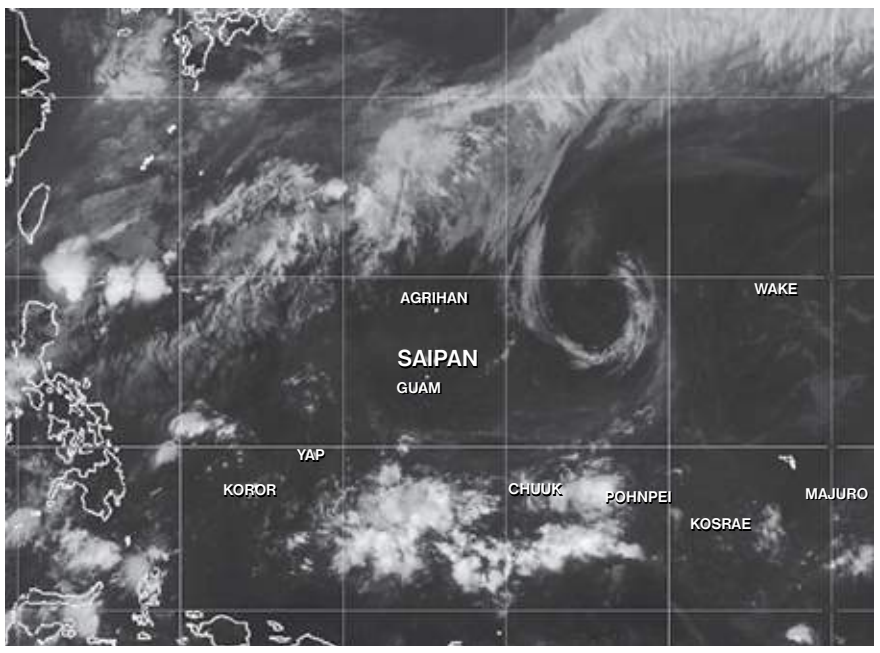
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲87	▼80
Palau	Partly Sunny	▲85	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼75
Kosrae	Rain	▲87	▼79
Majuro	Partly Sunny	▲84	▼77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲60	▼57
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼66
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲82	▼69
Honolulu	Sunny	▲84	▼74
London	Mostly Cloudy	▲65	▼54
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲80	▼63
Manila	Thundershowers	▲87	▼79
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲59	▼44
Miami	Thundershowers	▲89	▼79
New York	Thundershowers	▲76	▼62
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼63
Paris	Fog	▲72	▼56
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲70	▼62
Rome	Sunny	▲77	▼60
Salem	Showers	▲69	▼52
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼55
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼62
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	▲76	▼64
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲84	▼69

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Converging southwest winds south of a stationary front north of 25N are generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms within 200 miles of a line from 20N130E to beyond 25N142E. A surface trough extends westward from 11N134E to 11N130E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found within 100 miles of the trough axis. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from southeast of Yap to Chuuk and near Pohnpei between 1N to 9N from 139E to 159E. Scattered showers are also occurring across the southern Marshall Islands between 2N to 5N from 169E to 176E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

2:56 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
10:08 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
4:21 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
9:23 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:46 PM
Tuesday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM
Wednesday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM
Thursday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:20 AM	1:58 PM
Tuesday	1:57 AM	2:48 PM
Wednesday	2:38 AM	3:42 PM
Thursday	3:23 AM	4:38 PM
Friday	4:13 AM	5:38 PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 27, 2010

DEPARTURES

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

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DL297	3:35pm	6:15pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

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SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

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OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

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OZ606/703	2:20am	11:00pm	1 via ICN
OZ606/703	2:50am	11:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ608/705	3:20am	12:10am+1	1, 5 via PUS
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM

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OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
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OZ606/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	4, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05am	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM

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GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

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GUAM-SAIPAN

C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL290	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
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SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
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OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3,5 via GUM-Palau
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM

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FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
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FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

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FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
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FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
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FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
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FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
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Letters to the Editor

The right to bear arms

It is a sad comment on our society when a fit, young man would break into somebody's home and brutally attack a woman half his size in broad daylight. Attacks like these are all too common here on Saipan. This particular attack that I speak of was an assault of my wife. Fortunately, her screams were enough to cause the "person" who attacked her to run away before being able to harm her further, perhaps to rape or kill. As it is, he had repeatedly punched her in the face, causing massive contusions to her face, then kicking her, sobbing on the ground breaking a rib. According to my wife, he demanded money, probably to feed a drug habit. He got no money, but he took far more from her than he could possibly imagine. He took from me too.

My wife was left with broken bones, a disfigured face and a shattered sense of security. Together, as a couple we were left with medical bills that far exceeded anything this would-be robber could have gotten from us. She was traumatized and violated. She was left with psychological scars that will undoubtedly stay with her, long after her face and ribs heal.

I am outraged that people like this are out there. Predators with no empathy or conscience. I am also outraged that my wife, myself and the other law abiding citizens and residents of the CNMI—people who, go to work, contribute to our community and treat each other with respect and follow the rules—are denied the same basic rights of self-protection that most other American citizens enjoy. The right to keep and bear arms, as enumerated the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution.

This is not the first time that my home had been invaded by a criminal. In fact, several years ago, while living in Detroit, I was a victim of a home invasion as well. The primary difference being was that in the State of Michigan, owning a handgun is not a crime. People are free to choose the means that are best suited in dealing with such an invasion of their home. In other places within the United States, one can choose to own the means of self-protection (or not to), whereas one has no such rights in the CNMI. Any violation of our fundamental constitutional rights truly makes those of us who reside in the CNMI "second class citizens" compared with the rest of the United States. The rights enumerated and guaranteed by our Constitution must apply to *all American citizens* or, the Constitution is not worth the parchment it is written on.

In Detroit, I kept several firearms in my home, as did many of my friends and neighbors. One night a burglar who was fully capable of harming me was stopped by myself and my .357 Magnum revolver. All I had to do was point it at the perpetrator. Immediately he put his hands up and ran. After my home invasion in Detroit, word got around that the guy living at 12001 Garfield had a hand cannon and was not afraid to use it. Nobody broke in again. Criminals don't like it when their victims fight back.

Today, in my home on Saipan, there was no such deterrent. The attacker felt no threat from my wife, who stands only about 5'1" and weighs around 90 lbs. I wonder if he would have attacked her had she been armed? I wonder if he would have even bothered breaking into our home if there was a good chance that by doing so, he could come down with an acute case of lead poisoning?

Luckily I only work a short distance from my home and after the attack, she was able to call me at the office. I ran home quickly and dialed 911. The police did a wonderful job in responding to my 911 call and did everything in their power to find the assailant. They sifted clues, asked questions and showed great care and concern. The one thing that they could not do, and this is not their fault, is that they were not there to stop the crime when it happened. Had my wife been armed, she might have. Had it been known that there was a chance that the homeowner at my residence could fight back, maybe the crook would have passed the place by. But here on Saipan, the populace is unarmed and therefore sheep for the wolves.

Gun ownership in the United States of America is a right, not a privilege. Owning a car is a privilege. Owning a cell phone is a privilege, Internet access... a privilege, having Cable TV...a privilege. And so on... Self-defense is a right!

According to the group of smart dead guys who set the whole shebang up (guys like Thomas Jefferson, John Addams and Benjiman Franklin, etc.), our rights are granted by God and the job of governments (Federal, State and Local), which are bound by our Constitution, is to protect these God-given rights. One of these rights is the right for the citizen to keep and bear arms. This is not so that people can go deer hunting. This is so that people can protect themselves.

This right to keep and bear arms is enumerated in the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, the supreme law of the land here in the CNMI. It is second only to our freedom of speech, religion, free press, assembly and petition! Yet, this right (among others I could list elsewhere) is being denied to people like my wife, through local laws, which include the aforementioned draconian gun ban.

Recently, such bans have been overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in such jurisdictions as, the City of Chicago and the District of Columbia. The reason that these bans were overturned was because the Supreme Court recognizes that the hand gun is the weapon of choice most suited to self-defense. Therefore, any ban on such weapons violates the citizen the God-given right to protect him- or herself by the most reasonable and efficient means available.

Some of you out there will say that if the CNMI allows handgun ownership, then gun crime will increase. I disagree, because we all know that whether or not handguns are legal to own, criminals will still get a hold of them. This does and has happened here, as well as in other places. The fact is, people kill and assault people, the gun is merely a tool that facilitates those acts. It is also a tool that can and is often used to prevent those sorts of crimes.

Despite the fact that the CNMI gun laws violate our rights, they also make no sense, especially to anyone who has any knowledge regarding firearms. Here in the CNMI some guns *are* allowed. However, none of them are in any way appropriate for home defense. Long arms that are .22 caliber, including the.22 rimfire cartridge and the .223 (5.56mmX45 NATO) caliber round are permitted along with .410 shot guns. The problem is that the .223 round is overpowered and has far too much penetration for home defense. The .410 and .22 rimfire cartridge lack appropriate stopping power and are ineffective for self-defense. These are good for small game hunting and target shooting only.

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It perplexes me that it is legal here in the CNMI to own a .223 caliber rifle for other reasons as well. Many weapons chambered for the .223 round fall into the category of what the gun-hating liberals call "assault rifles." For example, the AR-15 semi-automatic rifle, which is the civilian model of the U.S. military M-16 assault rifle is legal to own here. In fact, that is one of the types of weapons used in the mass shooting at Marpi last year. The issue I have with the AR-15 and other .223 rifles is this: While being a good rifle for warfare and possibly deer hunting, it is not very good for home defense. Anyone who knows anything about ballistics knows what I am talking about.

The .223 is a rifle round, which has decent stopping power (sufficient to take down a grown man with one shot). Unfortunately, because it is a rifle round, with a high velocity, it has a tendency to over-penetrate, which is not good when you have neighbors. You could hit the burglar (or miss), but then the bullet has a tendency to travel through the bad guy and or wall and possibly hit somebody in the next room. Rifles are also unwieldy and difficult to handle at close quarters (like when trying to stop a rapist in your house!).

A regular .22 caliber rifle has no stopping power. It can kill, but it would not necessarily stop somebody from causing harm immediately. No, by the time the killer loses enough blood from the .22 bullet wound you inflicted, he has had time to put a knife in your heart. Therefore, a .22 is no good for home defense. The same can be said of the .410 shotgun. These are good for quail hunting, bad for stopping bad guys who want to rape your wife. They simply lack stopping power.

I simply do not understand who could let the AR-15 (a military-style assault weapon) be legal, but not a more appropriate weapon suited for home defense. Frankly, I support the right to own both, but given the circumstances, an AR-15 has no real utility for the purpose I propose. A 9mm pistol does!

A moderately powered handgun, say a .45 ACP, .40 S&W, 9mm or .38 special/.357 Magnum with the appropriate ammunition designed for home defense have great stopping power, but also a low enough velocity (especially the .45) as to not go through the wall to kill your neighbor inadvertently. A 12-gauge shotgun with 00 buck shot is also extremely effective for this purpose (Plus, I can tell you that few things are more intimidating that sound of a shotgun being racked. That is the sound that would make a would-be thief lose his fudge).

Handguns are small enough for a woman the size of my wife to handle safely and effectively. (There are models tailored for this purpose) Such an arm in the hands of an otherwise defenseless woman or a disabled person could prove to be a great equalizer in a home invasion, assault/rape situation.

I know what some may say: What about kids getting a hold of mommy or daddy's gun? Well they can still get a hold of daddy's AR-15, can't they? Furthermore, it ultimately comes down to individual responsibility. There are many here and in other communities around the country, who are irresponsible with their automobiles. Accidents and drunk driving kill many more people each year than guns do. Yet nobody is advocating an automobile ban. We do require licensing and driver education before allowing a person to drive.

If a gun owner were required to take a safety course and have training for the proper use of the weapon, the likelihood for misuse of firearms is curtailed. A responsible gun owner would ensure that everyone in the household is aware of the firearm, its proper use and the possible risks. To require training only makes sense. Also, responsible firearms ownership would help keep the crime rate down by providing a more realistic deterrent to the criminal that the police can. Our police would benefit from citizens, who take the law seriously enough, to be a de facto deputy in their own home in the war against crime.

As stated, I am not in favor of just letting anybody with a pulse get a gun. There must be logical and reasonable legislation that requires people to have training prior to owning a gun. I have been and always shall be fervently in favor of such a requirement. I am also in favor of requiring waiting periods and background checks (the kind of criminal background check that the Governor's former ice dealing driver failed. They still gave him a gun).

Those common-sense precautions and regulations and proper enforcement would provide a margin of safety and help ensure legal, responsible gun ownership. Gun ownership of law-abiding citizens that would put the fear back into the hearts of the would-be criminal and bring empowerment to the would-be victims. I am for empowering people to be able to protect themselves. I am for promoting the civil liberties of all the good people of the CNMI. What I am against is, is having the constitutional rights of self-protection for others and myself infringed upon.

I think that it is high time that somebody bring suit against the CNMI government to remove these unconstitutional gun bans! They only hurt the average, law-abiding citizen. This is not just about guns and gun ownership, it is about civil liberties and it is about my rights and your rights to self-protection. It is about freedom of choice, and democracy.

David Radich
Sadog Tasi, Saipan

Public hearing on Interior's recommendation

Senator Manglona: A call for a public hearing on the U.S. Department of the Interior's recommendation would only lead to a disastrous decision in the end. As in many cases in which I had the opportunity to testify before our legislative body, detrimental decisions had been made based on a single public input affecting our indigenous population's well-being.

Senator, if you recall there had been two public hearings on the matter of permanent residency drafted and introduced before the public by former representative Tina Sablan. The results of those hearings were concurred by our legislative branch to be that of the sentiments of the people of the Commonwealth. The results I believe were a majority "no" to the granting of permanent residency to temporary foreign guest workers in our home island. I firmly believe that in order to obtain the full sentiments of our people, such public hearings must be taken to each village in which hearings should be held a week at a time per village. Another option is a house-to-house visit, something that each of you are all too familiar with. A 90-day time frame is sufficient enough to garner the full sentiments of our people, but the legislative building is not the place and your colleagues must go the extra mile to gain true results. I am honored by your courage to stand and testify before the U.S. Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife in Washington chaired by Delegate Madeleine Bordallo, for the issues before our people is highly sensitive in nature.

To the indigenous population, I ask all of you that if such a public hearing is called, all of you must make every effort to attend and let your voices be heard, and ensure that our elected leaders bring the issue before your doorsteps as in the case when they are seeking re-election. The future of our people and that of our future generations' social and cultural well-being is being challenged and it is time that one voice, the voice of our indigenous population, be heard loud and crystal clear through the halls of Congress, that we are the people of the land and that our opinions, inputs, and suggestions should be recognized and acknowledged with the utmost respect.

Gregorio Cruz
President, Taotao Tano CNMI Inc.

Business

Growing ranks of long-term jobless face tough odds

WASHINGTON (AP)—If you lose your job these days, it's worth scrambling to find a new one—fast. After six months of unemployment, your chances of landing work dwindle.

The proportion of people jobless for six months or more has accelerated in the past year and now makes up 46 percent of the unemployed. That's the highest percentage on records dating to 1948. By late summer or early fall, they are expected to make up half of all jobless Americans.

Economists say those out of work for six months or more risk becoming less and less employable. Their skills can erode, their confidence falter, their contacts dry up. Their growing ranks also will keep pressure on Congress to keep extending jobless benefits, which now run for up to 99 weeks.

Overall, the economy has created a net 982,000 jobs this year. But for Jeff Martinez and the record 6.76 million others who have struck out for six months or more, their struggles are getting worse, not better.

Martinez, 40, a salesman in Washington, D.C., says he's logged more than 200 interviews in the past three years. Decked out in a dark navy suit and Burberry tie, Martinez projects drive and a zest for deal-making. And yet the most urgent deal of his career—finding a job—eludes him.

"You have days where you feel motivated and hopeful and optimistic," he says. "Then there are other days, you really lose the faith and think, `I'm never going to get another job. Ever.'"

What's causing the rising ranks of the long-term jobless to exceed the pace of other recessions?

Mainly, it's the depth and duration of the job-slashing this time. Since the recession began in December 2007 through May this year, a net 7.4 million jobs have vanished. The unemployment rate has surged nearly 5 percentage points: From 5 percent in December 2007 to 9.7 percent in May.

By contrast, in the last severe recession, the rate rose less sharply over a shorter period: From 7.2 percent in July 1981 to 10.8 percent at the end of 1982.

Lawrence Mishel, president of the Economic Policy Institute, points to the "sheer scale of the falloff in demand for workers" this time. It's left more people out of work for longer stretches. And it's intensified competition for each opening.

"It's a cruel game of musical chairs," Mishel says.

To lower the unemployment rate from the current 9.7 percent to a more normal 6 percent would require roughly a net 15 million new jobs by the end of 2016, estimates Brian Bethune, chief U.S. financial economist at IHS Global Insight.

Few think that's likely.

One factor behind the growing proportion of the long-term unemployed is the erosion of their workplace skills—or employers' perception of it. It's hard to find work in a tight job market when your skills are seen as stale.

Record long-term jobless

The number of Americans who've been out of work a half year or more are at record levels. How 2009 compares with earlier recessions:

	1983	1992	2009
Unemployment rate	9.6%	7.5%	9.3%
Unemployed	10.7 million	9.6 million	14.3 million
Long-term jobless	23.7%	20.2%	31.5%

Worst states
Percent of state's unemployed out of work a half year or more

1983		1992		2009	
W.Va.	40.1%	Conn.	35.5%	Mich.	40.8%
Ohio	36.9%	Mass.	34.9%	S.C.	39.3%
Pa.	33.7%	R.I.	33.6%	Ga.	37.2%
Mich.	32.9%	W.Va.	29.6%	R.I.	36.7%
Wis.	32.0%	N.J.	29.1%	Conn.	36.7%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Graphic: Judy Treible © 2010 MCT

Recall raises questions about promotional glasses

MILLVILLE, N.J. (AP)—A recall of 12 million cadmium-tainted "Shrek" drinking glasses sold by McDonald's raises questions about the safety of millions of similar cheap promotional products that have been sitting in Americans' kitchen cabinets for years.

Only glasses produced for the latest "Shrek" movie are included in the voluntary recall announced Friday by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, but they were made by a company that McDonald's has worked with for 15 years. And many other companies make similar glassware with cartoon characters or other designs baked in.

"It could have been any glass company," said Ron Biagi, an executive with Arc International, which made the glasses. "We all do the same thing using materials from the same suppliers."

McDonald's said the U.S.-made glasses met federal guidelines for cadmium under testing conducted by a CPSC-approved lab. CPSC spokesman Scott Wolfson, however, said the glasses fall short of standards for the toxic metal that the agency is in the process of developing.

The CPSC warned consumers to immediately stop using the glasses McDonald's sold as part of a promotional campaign for the movie "Shrek Forever After." The fast-food giant said it issued the recall "in an abundance of caution" and "in light of CPSC's evolving assessment of standards for consumer products."

"We believe the Shrek glassware is safe for consumer use," McDonald's USA spokesman Bill Whitman said. "However, again to ensure that our customers receive safe products from us, we made the decision to stop selling them and voluntarily recall these products effective immediately."

On its website, McDonald's said customers can learn how to return the glasses and request a refund by visiting http://www.mcdonalds.com/glasses or calling McDonald's toll-free number, 1-800-244-6227. It also said previous promotional gimmicks and Happy Meal toys are not involved in the recall.

Cadmium is a carcinogen that research shows also can cause bone softening and severe kidney problems. Research also suggests that it can, like lead, hinder brain development in the very young. The CPSC said in its recall notice that long-term exposure to the element "can cause adverse health effects."

In the case of the Shrek-themed glassware, the potential danger would be long-term exposure to low levels of cadmium, which could leach onto a child's hand and enter the body if the child puts that unwashed hand to his or her mouth.

Michael Wilcox is among those concerned about the recalled glasses and similar items in their homes. The Winston-Salem, N.C., man said his wife collects the glasses and bought the last three Thursday night to complete the set.

AP

A "Shrek"-themed glass distributed in McDonald's Happy Meals featuring the character, Donkey, is displayed at Cindy Matta's home on Friday, June 4, 2010, in West Hollywood, Calif.

Drug boosts survival in major skin cancer study

CHICAGO (AP)—Researchers have scored the first big win against melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer. An experimental drug significantly improved survival in a major study of people with very advanced disease.

The results, reported Saturday at a cancer conference, left doctors elated.

"We have not had any therapy that has prolonged survival" until now, said Dr. Lynn Schuchter of the Abramson Cancer Center at the University of Pennsylvania, a skin cancer specialist with no role in the study or ties to the drug's maker.

The drug, ipilimumab, , works by helping the immune system fight tumors. The federal Food and Drug Administration has pledged a quick review, and doctors think the drug could be available by the end of this year.

"People are going to have a lot of hope and want this drug, and it's not on their doctors' shelves," although some may be able to get it through special programs directly from its maker, Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., Schuchter said.

Melanoma is the most serious form of skin cancer. Last year in the United States, there were about 68,720 new cases and 8,650 deaths from the disease. Worldwide, more than 50,000 people die of melanoma each year.

Doctors also reported Saturday at the conference that an experimental drug for lung cancer patients with a certain gene showed extraordinary promise in early testing. The drug, Pfizer Inc.'s crizotinib, targets a gene that promotes tumor growth and is found in about 4 percent of lung cancers, especially among younger, non-smokers.

Nearly 220,000 new cases of lung cancer are diagnosed each year in the United States alone, and it is the world's top cancer killer. Two other gene-targeted treatments, Tarceva and Iressa, help about 20,000 lung cancer patients annually in the U.S.

OIL SPILL UPDATE

Oil pours from cap over Gulf gusher, some captured

PENSACOLA BEACH, Florida (AP)—Oil poured out of a cap that robots adjusted over the gusher in the Gulf, though some was being collected, as the slow-motion catastrophe spread deeper into the marshes and beaches of four states along the U.S. coast. The spreading slick arrived with the tide on the Florida Panhandle's white sands Friday as BP continued its desperate and untested bid to arrest what is already the biggest oil spill in U.S. history. "Progress is being made, but we need to caution against overoptimism," said Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the government's point man for the crisis. Early Friday, he guessed that the cap was collecting 42,000 gallons (159,000 liters) a day — less than one-tenth of the amount leaking from the well. Later, BP said in a tweet that since it was installed Thursday night, it had collected about 76,000 gallons (288,000 liters). The widening scope of the slow-motion disaster deepened the anger and despair just as President Barack Obama arrived for his third visit to the stricken Gulf Coast.

Oil spill closes more Gulf waters to fishing

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Fishing has been banned in more waters off Florida because of the creeping oil slick in the Gulf of Mexico. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will close an additional 565 square miles to fishermen near Panama City, Fla., starting Saturday evening. NOAA spokesman Kim Amendola (am-en-DOH'-luh) says the additional closure was necessary because forecasters anticipate oil from a leaking offshore well near Louisiana could drift into that area. About 33 percent of federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico are now closed to fishing because of the spill. It began after the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig exploded April 20 and ultimately sank, triggering an environmental disaster that has surpassed the Exxon Valdez spill in 1989.

BP CEO repeats promise to pay oil spill claims

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—BP PLC has repeated its promise to pay all "legitimate" claims resulting from the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico after a warning from President Barack Obama. CEO Tony Hayward wrote Saturday on a company Twitter account that the firm has been committed since the start of the oil spill to paying all legitimate financial claims. Hayward did not explain what prompted his online posting. But on Friday, Obama said during a trip to Louisiana that he didn't want BP "nickel-and-diming people." The president said the federal government would make sure that BP paid the claims. The company estimated this week that it would spend about $84 million through June to compensate for lost wages and profits caused by the oil spill.

Nation

Gulf oil spill's threat to wildlife turns real

ON BARATARIA BAY, La. (AP)—The wildlife apocalypse along the Gulf Coast that everyone has feared for weeks is fast becoming a terrible reality.

Pelicans struggle to free themselves from oil, thick as tar, that gathers in hip-deep pools, while others stretch out useless wings, feathers dripping with crude. Dead birds and dolphins wash ashore, coated in the sludge. Seashells that once glinted pearly white under the hot June sun are stained crimson.

Scenes like this played out along miles of shoreline Saturday, nearly seven weeks after a BP rig exploded and the wellhead a mile below the surface began belching millions of gallon of oil.

"These waters are my backyard, my life," said boat captain Dave Marino, a firefighter and fishing guide from Myrtle Grove. "I don't want to say heartbreaking, because that's been said. It's a nightmare. It looks like it's going to be wave after wave of it and nobody can stop it."

The oil has steadily spread east, washing up in greater quantities in recent days, even as a cap placed by BP over the blownout well began to collect some of the escaping crude. The cap, resembling an upside-down funnel, has captured about 252,000 gallons of oil, according to Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the government's point man for the crisis.

If earlier estimates are correct, that means the cap is capturing from a quarter to as much as half the oil spewing from the blowout each day. But that is a small fraction of the roughly 24 million to 47 million gallons government officials estimate have leaked into the Gulf since the April 20 explosion that killed 11 workers, making it the nation's largest oil spill ever.

Allen, who said the goal is to gradually raise the amount of the oil being captured, compared the process to stopping the flow of water from a garden hose with a finger: "You don't want to put your finger down too quickly, or let it off too quickly."

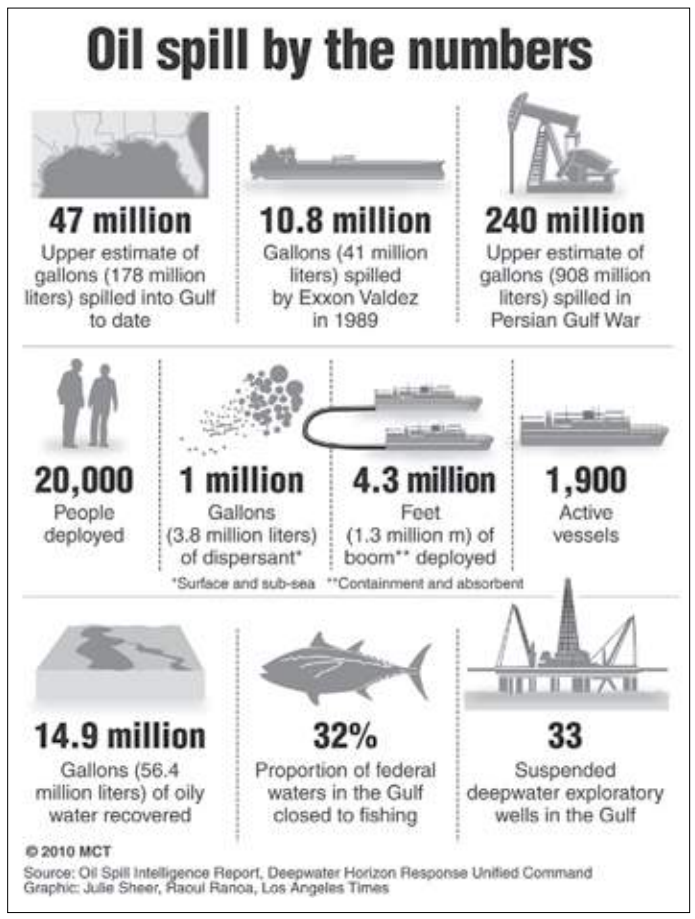
BP officials are trying to capture as much oil as possible without creating too much pressure or allowing the buildup of ice-like hydrates, which form when water and natural gas combine under high pressures and low temperatures.

President Barack Obama pledged Saturday in his weekly radio and Internet address to fight the spill with the people of the Gulf Coast. His words for oil giant BP PLC were stern: "We will make sure they pay every single dime owed to the people along the Gulf coast."

But his reassurances offer limited consolation to the people who live and work along the coasts of four states—Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida—now confronting the oil spill firsthand.

AP

Workers clean a Brown pelican at a rescue center at a facility set up by the International Bird Rescue Research Center in Buras, La., Saturday, June 5, 2010.


Oil spill by the numbers
47 million
Upper estimate of gallons (178 million liters) spilled into Gulf to date
10.8 million
Gallons (41 million liters) spilled by Exxon Valdez in 1989
240 million
Upper estimate of gallons (908 million liters) spilled in Persian Gulf War
20,000
People deployed
1 million
Gallons (3.8 million liters) of dispersant*
4.3 million
Feet (1.3 million m) of boom** deployed
1,900
Active vessels
*Surface and sub-sea **Containment and absorbent
14.9 million
Gallons (56.4 million liters) of oily water recovered
32%
Proportion of federal waters in the Gulf closed to fishing
33
Suspended deepwater exploratory wells in the Gulf
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Source: Oil Spill Intelligence Report, Deepwater Horizon Response Unified Command
Graphic: Julie Sheer, Raoul Ranoa, Los Angeles Times

In Gulf Shores, Ala., boardwalks leading to hotels were tattooed with oil from beachgoers' feet. A slick hundreds of yards long washed ashore at a state park, coating the white sand with a thick, red stew. Cleanup workers rushed to contain it in bags, but more washed in before they could remove the first wave of debris.

Alabama Gov. Bob Riley and Allen met for more than an hour Saturday in Mobile, Ala., agreeing to a new plan that would significantly increase protection on the state's coast with larger booms, beachfront barriers, skimmers and a new system to protect Perdido Bay near the Florida line.

Riley, who was angered by a Coast Guard decision to move boom from Alabama to Louisiana, said the barriers must be up within days for him to be satisfied. Allen said he needed to report to the president before confirming more details of the agreement.

The oil is showing up right at the beginning of the lucrative tourist season, and beachgoers taking to the region's beaches haven't been able to escape it.

"This makes me sick," said Rebecca Thomasson of Knoxville, Tenn., her legs and feet smeared with brown streaks of crude. "We were over in Florida earlier and it was bad there, but it was nothing like this."

At Pensacola Beach, Erin Tamber, who moved to the area from New Orleans after surviving Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, inspected a beach stained orange by the retreating tide.

"I feel like I've gone from owning a piece of paradise to owning a toxic waste dump," she said.

Back in Louisiana, along the beach at Queen Bess Island, oil pooled several feet deep, trapping birds against containment boom. The futility of their struggle was confirmed when Joe Sartore, a National Geographic photographer, sank thigh deep in oil on nearby East Grand Terre Island and had to be pulled from the tar.

"I would have died if I would have been out here alone," he said.

With no oil response workers on Queen Bess, Plaquemines Parish coastal zone management director P.J. Hahn decided he could wait no longer, pulling an exhausted brown pelican from the oil, the slime dripping from its wings.

"We're in the sixth week, you'd think there would be a flotilla of people out here," Hahn said. "As you can see, we're so far behind the curve in this thing."

After six weeks with one to four birds a day coming into Louisiana's rescue center for oiled birds at Fort Jackson, 53 arrived Thursday and another 13 Friday morning, with more on the way. Federal authorities say 792 dead birds, sea turtles, dolphins and other wildlife have been collected from the Gulf of Mexico and its coastline.

Yet scientists say the wildlife death toll remains relatively modest, well below the tens of thousand of birds, otters and other creatures killed after the Exxon Valdez ran aground in Alaska's Prince William Sound. The numbers have stayed comparatively low because the Deepwater Horizon rig was 50 miles off the coast and most of the oil has stayed in the open sea. The Valdez ran aground on a reef close to land, in a more enclosed setting.

Experts say the Gulf's marshes, beaches and coastal waters, which nurture a dazzling array of life, could be transformed into killing fields, though the die-off could take months or years and unfold largely out of sight. The damage could be even greater beneath the water's surface, where oil and dispersants could devastate zooplankton and tiny invertebrate communities at the base of the aquatic food chain.

"People naturally tend to focus on things that are most conspicuous, like oiled birds, but in my opinion the impacts on fisheries will be much more severe," said Rich Ambrose, director of the environmental science and engineering at program at UCLA.

The Gulf is also home to dolphins and species including the endangered sperm whale. A government report found that dolphins with prolonged exposure to oil in the 1990s experienced skin injuries and burns, reduced neurological functions and lower hemoglobin levels in their blood. It concluded, though, that the effects probably wouldn't be lethal because many creatures would avoid the oil. Yet dolphins in the Gulf have been spotted swimming through plumes of crude.

Gilly Llewellyn, oceans program leader with the World Wildlife Fund in Australia, said she observed the same behavior by dolphins following a 73-day spill last year in the Timor Sea.

"A heartbreaking sight," Llewellyn said. "And what we managed to see on the surface was undoubtedly just a fraction of what was happening."

The prospect left fishing guide Marino shaking his head, as he watched the oil washing into a marsh and over the body of a dead pelican. Species like shrimp and crab flourish here, finding protection in the grasses. Fish, birds and other creatures feed here.

"It's going to break that cycle of life," Marino said. "It's like pouring gas in your aquarium. What do you think that's going to do?"

Asia

Bomb at Afghan governor office kills 1, wounds 14

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP)—A bomb exploded Saturday outside the provincial governor's office in the Afghan city of Kandahar, killing one policeman and wounding at least 14 civilians, officials said.

The attack reflects deteriorating security in the largest city in the country's volatile south—also the Taliban's spiritual home—where NATO is preparing for a major operation seen as key to combating the insurgency. Gov. Tooryalai Wesa was not in his office at the time.

The bombing also comes a day after a national peace conference in Kabul boosted President Hamid Karzai's plans to seek negotiations with the Taliban in a bid to end the nearly nine-year war.

Kandahar city police Chief Sardar Mohammad Zazai said the explosives were strapped to a bicycle on the street outside the compound where the governor lives and works.

The governor's spokesman, Zulmai Ayubi, said the 14 wounded included five children. Among the wounded, four were in critical condition, he said.

"The explosion happened in front of us," said witness Suliman Shah. "I heard it and also saw one person get blown backward, out of the back of his vehicle."

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the bombing, but Taliban militants are the most likely suspects.

The hard-line Islamist movement, ousted from power in 2001 but now a formidable militant force, says it will keep fighting. Its leaders say no talks are possible until foreign troops withdraw from the country—a step Karzai cannot afford with the insurgency raging. U.S. officials contend the Taliban leadership feels it has little reason to negotiate because it believes it is winning the war.

Karzai, who organized the conference that ended Friday, clearly got what he wanted from it: a mandate for his peace efforts and his government months after winning an election tainted by fraud. It also represented the first major public debate in Afghanistan on how to end the war amid widespread belief here that the insurgency cannot be defeated militarily.

"The one significance of the jirga is that for the first time a collective and structured voice of Afghans for peace has been presented to the government and to the international community," said Nader Nadery, deputy chairman of Afghanistan's Independent Human Rights Commission.

Japan's new leader faces test to win back voters

TOKYO (AP)—Naoto Kan, the straight-talking populist named Japan's new prime minister, faces a host of daunting tasks, from reviving the nation's stagnant economy to cutting back its ballooning national debt.

But first he must survive an urgent test: Win back voters disgusted by the broken promises of his predecessor, Yukio Hatoyama, by next month's upper house elections.

Decisive and down-to-earth, Kan may have what it takes to regain support for the battered Democratic Party of Japan, analysts say.

Unlike the blue-blooded Hatoyama, Kan comes from an ordinary family and got his political start in civic activism. He's known for speaking his mind and gained popularity in the 1990s for exposing a government cover-up of HIV-tainted blood products.

"He has a chance. He's a credible new leader. Nobody doubts his reformist credentials," said Koichi Nakano, political science professor at Sophia University in Tokyo.

"But there's no real honeymoon period," Nakano said. "Even though (the election) is his first test, it will be his make-or-break test."

Initial signs are positive. A survey by Kyodo News agency conducted Friday and Saturday showed that the Democrats' approval rating jumped to 36.1 percent, up 15.6 points from the previous poll in late May. Those who expressed high hopes for Kan totaled 57.6 percent.

The survey of 1,026 people didn't provide a margin of error, but one of that size would normally have a margin of about 5 percentage points.

The Democrats swept to power just nine months ago, trouncing the long-ruling conservatives amid high hopes for change and more government accountability. But public opinion quickly soured after Hatoyama got ensnared in a political funding scandal and reneged on a campaign promise to move a key U.S. Marine base off the southern island of Okinawa.

AP

Former Finance Minister Naoto Kan walks out of his party's meeting after being elected as the new leader of the Democratic Party of Japan in Tokyo Friday, June 4, 2010.

Kan, 63, Japan's sixth prime minister in four years, is keenly aware of the challenges ahead of him.

"Our first priority is to regain the trust of the people," he told party members Friday, when he was voted into office by the more powerful lower house of parliament.

He pledged to confront problems linking "money and politics." Finance minister under Hatoyama, Kan stressed the need to spur growth and tackle deflation in the world's second-largest economy.

Otherwise, Kan offered few specifics, and analysts predicted he would proceed with caution.

"Having seen Hatoyama up close, how he dug a hole for himself, Kan realizes that cheap words are what he should be avoiding," Nakano said.

In the past, Kan has said Japan needs to raise its consumption tax from the current 5 percent to reduce the bulging deficit. But on Friday he was much more circumspect, saying only he would make an announcement at an appropriate time.

And rather than hurriedly announce a Cabinet, Kan said he would reveal the members early next week, after which they would be appointed by Emperor Akihito.

Japanese media reports Saturday said Kan's finance minister would likely be Yoshihiko Noda, the senior vice finance minister. They also said that Renho, who gained media attention for her tough questioning of bureaucrats during a public budget screening process last fall—an attempt to make government decisions more transparent—would be named consumer affairs minister. A former television announcer, Renho goes by one name.

Kan faces plenty of prickly problems, including executing a recent agreement between Tokyo and Washington to relocate U.S. Marine Air Station Futenma to a less-crowded part of Okinawa. Hatoyama's failure to keep a pledge to move the airfield off the island led to his downfall.

Kan said Friday that he would honor that accord, but he faces intense opposition from island residents who want Futenma moved off Okinawa completely. Some analysts have questioned whether the plan can actually be carried out.

Japan's revolving door

Naoto Kan, leader of the Democratic Party of Japan and former finance minister, has become Japan's seventh prime minister in 10 years. (Chart shows number of days in office.)

- 2000 **Yoshiro Mori** April 5, 2000-April 26, 2001
- 2001 **Junichiro Koizumi** April 26, 2001-Sept. 26, 2006
- 2006 **Shinzo Abe** Sept. 26, 2006-Sept. 26, 2007
- 2007 **Yasuo Fukuda** Sept. 26, 2007-Sept. 24, 2008
- 2008 **Taro Aso** Sept. 24, 2008-Sept. 16, 2009
- 2009 **Yukio Hatoyama** Sept. 16, 2009-June 4,2010

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Graphic: Pat Carr

Briton is 1st woman to row solo across Pacific

SYDNEY (AP)—A British environmentalist has become the first woman to row alone across the Pacific Ocean, receiving a rock star welcome in Papua New Guinea after finishing a nearly 8,000-mile (13,000-kilometer) journey that nearly claimed her life.

Thousands turned out to welcome Roz Savage, 42, as she rowed her 23-foot (7-meter) boat named *Brocade* toward Madang on Friday. Several people paddled canoes alongside her as she cruised into the harbor, where well-wishers adorned her with colorful leis.

"I'm already starting to think about the next one!" Savage told The Associated Press on Saturday by telephone from Papua New Guinea, where she will rest for the next month.

Savage previously crossed the Atlantic Ocean in 103 days and uses her trips to promote environmental causes. The Pacific row was meant to raise awareness about climate change and plastic debris polluting the ocean. She wants people to use biodegradable trash bags and reusable grocery bags.

She estimates she made 2.5 million oar strokes during her 250-day trip, which was broken up into three different legs. She set off from San Francisco on May 25, 2008, and rowed 2,900 miles (4,640 kilometers) over 99 days to Hawaii. On May 22, 2009, she left Hawaii and rowed 3,158 miles (5,053 kilometers)—or an estimated one million oar strokes—before reaching the tiny South Pacific nation of Kiribati in September. She left Kiribati on April 19.

Although the weather was mostly calm, and her biggest health concern was heat rash, there was one moment during the journey when she became separated from her boat and feared she might drown.

Her boat hook fell overboard, and by the time she'd taken off her hat, iPod earplugs and sunglasses to swim after it, it had drifted far away.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Gates prods China on NKorea, military ties to US

SINGAPORE (AP)—U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates challenged China to deal realistically with the short-term question of how to respond to an antagonistic North Korea and the longer-term issue of whether Beijing's expanding military can establish more durable ties with the U.S. Asian nations cannot stand by in the face of North Korea's alleged sinking of a South Korean warship, Gates said during an international security summit Saturday that was dominated by questions about the North. "To do nothing would set the wrong precedent," Gates said. The latest crisis with North Korea points out the limited options to deter further attacks or dismantle its nascent nuclear weapons program. The United States and China were part of a diplomatic effort to buy out the North's nuclear program that fell apart two years ago.

Bangladesh mourns 117 killed in massive fire

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—Flags in Bangladesh were lowered to half-staff Saturday as the country mourned 117 people killed in a massive fire. The country's deadliest blaze in recent memory broke out Thursday night in the narrow alleys of the old section of Dhaka, when an electrical transformer exploded soon after a rainstorm swept the city. About 100 others were injured. As of Friday, a total of 117 bodies had been found. Dhaka's Deputy Commissioner Muhibul Haque said earlier Saturday that 39 injured people, many in critical condition and on life support, were still being treated at the state-run Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Later, 14 patients with life-threatening injuries had been shifted to a military hospital in Dhaka, said Shamanta Lal Sen, burns unit chief of the state-run hospital.

Militants kill 3 hostages in southern Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Al-Qaida-linked militants fatally shot three abducted rubber farm workers after their families failed to pay a ransom, the military said Saturday. The victims' bullet-riddled bodies were found by residents in a village outside Sumisip township on the island of Basilan, a stronghold of Abu Sayyaf militants, Basilan military commander Brig. Gen. Eugenio Clement said. Gunmen led by senior Abu Sayyaf commander Furuji Indama seized the three men from a passenger minibus on May 27. They demanded 3 million pesos ($64,000) in ransom from their families, who are too poor to raise the amount, Clement said. The abductions came two weeks after troops raided an Abu Sayyaf camp, killing a militant and capturing 14 others.

World

2 candidates from Iraq's Sunni-backed party killed

BAGHDAD (AP)—Gunmen killed two candidates from the Sunni-backed coalition that won the most seats in Iraq's March parliamentary election, slayings that the alliance said Saturday were part of a politically motivated campaign of assassinations.

Neither candidate was expected to take a seat in the new parliament as both failed to win enough votes. But the killings were the third and fourth of candidates from the secular Iraqiya alliance in recent months, raising concerns about political intimidation of the top vote-getting bloc in the March 7 election.

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BAGHDAD (AP)—Iraqi security officials say an explosives-packed car driven by a suicide bomber has killed at least six people and wounded 15 outside a western Baghdad police station. A second bomb stuck to the underside of a car elsewhere in the capital killed its driver and wounded three passengers. Both explosions came during the early morning rush hour in Baghdad. Two police officers were among the fatalities outside the security station in western Baghdad's al-Amil neighborhood. The casualties were confirmed by a Baghdad police commander and an official at Yarmouk hospital.

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In Mosul, Faris Jassim al-Jubouri's attackers came to his home in the middle of the night dressed in army uniforms, according to brother Marwan Jassim, a police officer who was at the house. He said they demanded details about al-Jubouri, then found him sleeping on the roof, shot him three times, and fled. Police and morgue officials confirmed the killing.

In the town of Qaim in Anbar province, police said attackers planted a roadside bomb that killed hospital official Ehab al-Ani. The initial investigation indicated that al-Ani was not killed randomly, as many are by such explosives, but specifically targeted because of his ties to Iraqiya, a police official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief the media. Qaim is about 200 miles (320 kilometers) west of Baghdad.

Iraqiya spokeswoman Maysoun Damlouji said both killings were part of series of assassinations targeting party members.

"The Iraqiya list does not want to escalate the situation, but we won't sit silent over the killing of any Iraqi," Damlouji said. She said the killings are "targeting democracy and the political process."

Iraqiya, headed by former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, has been at the center of a political showdown since Iraq's inconclusive parliamentary election.

The bloc won two more parliamentary seats than its closest rival, led by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, but no single group secured an outright majority, making a coalition government necessary.

Al-Maliki's Shiite-dominated party has joined up with a Shiite religious bloc in hopes of capturing enough seats in parliament to run the next government.

Moist-eyed Dutch murder suspect interrogated

LIMA, Peru (AP)—The lone suspect in the disappearance of U.S. teen Natalee Holloway was paraded—moist-eyed and looking stunned—before reporters Saturday as Peruvians denounced him and detectives began interrogating him about the killing of a Lima student.

Joran van der Sloot arrived at criminal police headquarters in a brown Interpol SUV and was escorted across an auditorium crowded with shouting, shutter-snapping journalists three times.

Wearing a green bulletproof vest, his hands handcuffed behind him, the husky 22-year-old stared straight ahead and didn't respond to reporters' questions or make eye contact.

Outside, seven Indian shamans in brightly colored ponchos repeatedly stabbed a cloth doll representing van der Sloot in a "spiritual punishment" ritual. "We're punishing him so that all the forces of evil are purged," one shouted.

About an hour earlier, onlookers yelled insults at the man who has dominated Peruvian front pages as police switched cars south of the foggy coastal capital.

His interrogation began almost immediately, Gen. Cesar Guardia, chief of Peru's criminal police, told The Associated Press. His spokesman, Abel Gamarra, said later that van der Sloot would be kept overnight at the headquarters of the criminal police.

AP

Police officers escort Joran Van der Sloot, second right, during a press conference at a police station in Lima, Saturday, June 5, 2010.

Van der Sloot is suspected of killing 21-year-old Stephany Flores on May 30 at his hotel room in the Peruvian capital.

Police in neighboring Chile caught van der Sloot on Thursday and expelled him across the border a day later. He was then driven 17 hours north in a police caravan.

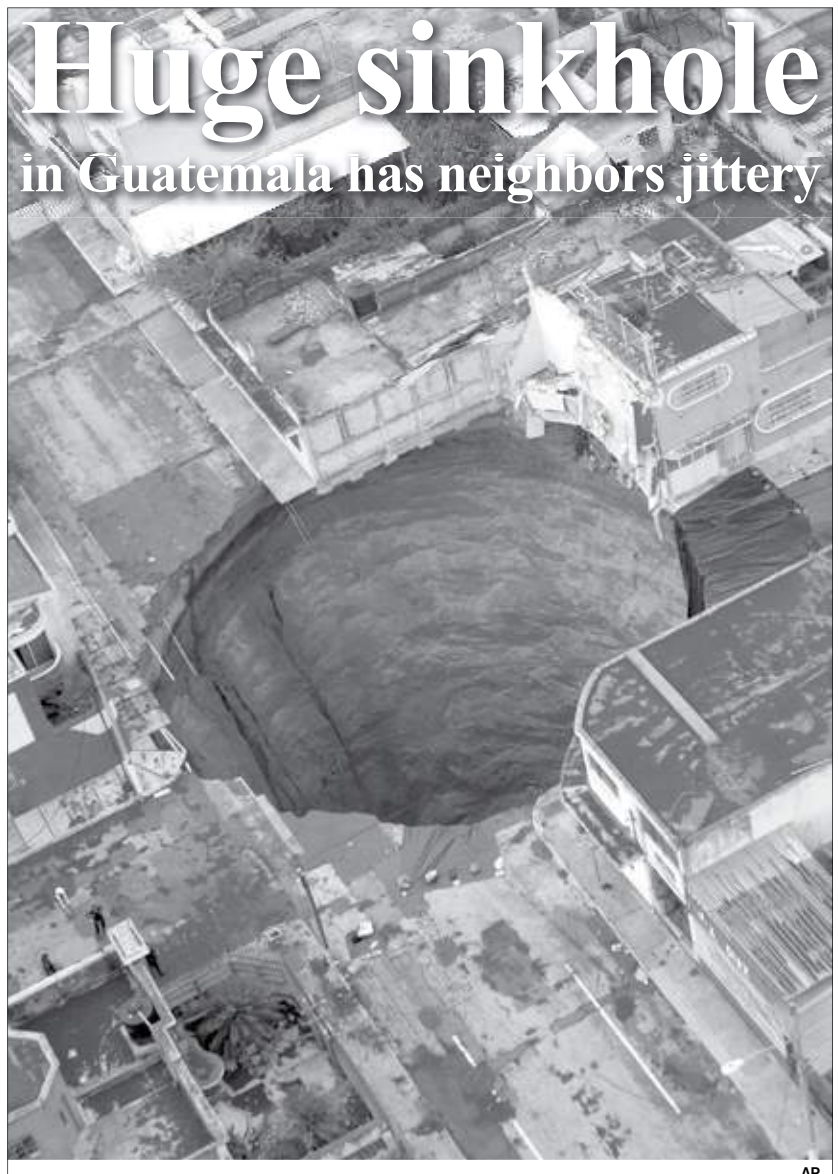
Chilean police spokesman Fernando Ovalle said the Dutchman told them he did not kill Flores, who was found battered with a broken neck.

But van der Sloot did acknowledge that "he met her and at some point they went to a casino," Ovalle said.

Police released video Saturday taken by hotel security cameras showing van der Sloot and his alleged victim entering his hotel room together.

Flores trails van der Sloot, her head bowed, after he is given his room key. She is in the same attitude when she follows him into the room.

Huge sinkhole in Guatemala has neighbors jittery



AP

A sinkhole covers a street intersection in downtown Guatemala City, Wednesday, June 2, 2010.

GUATEMALA CITY (AP)—Maria del Carmen de Ramirez's house is just as she left it when she fled into the evening during a torrential downpour, as a cavernous sinkhole opened up and swallowed the clothing factory next door.

A week later, de Ramirez hasn't dared go back inside to pick up so much as a toothbrush. "All I have is what people have given me," she told The Associated Press on Saturday.

Some 66 feet (20 meters) across, nearly 100 feet (30 meters) deep and almost a perfect circle at its gaping mouth, the sinkhole opened up suddenly May 30 in Ciudad Nueva, a 1930s-era neighborhood full of art deco buildings and broad streets.

Many who lived nearby have abandoned their homes, while those who remain say they are in constant fear of another collapse — one that could be deadly this time.

"I can only sleep for short stretches. You feel powerless," said de Ramirez, a 60-year resident of Ciudad Nueva who is now staying with a sister-in-law — just a few yards (meters) from her own house.

"The doctor told me I have to adapt to this new life, to this life that changed me in seconds," she said. "But it's very hard to adapt to this."

Neighbors said it was a miracle nobody died at the clothing factory, which had closed for the day just an hour beforehand. A weekend watchman also was spared because he had left to tend to his house, which was flooded by the rains.

"That day, hundreds of students came to pick up their uniforms (at the factory). ... If the hole had opened a few hours earlier, it would have been a great tragedy," de Ramirez said.

WORLD BRIEFS

Venezuela government takes over Bolivar archive

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela's government on Saturday began to take control of an archive of documents that belonged to independence hero Simon Bolivar. The letters and other documents are being moved to the National Archives from an institution led by historians who have often criticized President Hugo Chavez. The transfer is part of a broader trend. Chavez describes himself as a follower of Bolivar and his government has taken tighter control of historical artifacts related to the South American "Liberator." The semiautonomous National Academy of History has cared for the archive since 1999. It says the documents are being transferred to the government's National Archives in perfect condition.

Peru police recover body of freeskier Backstrom

LIMA, Peru (AP)—Peruvian mountain rescue police brought the body of acclaimed freeskier Arne Backstrom down off 5,752-meter (18,780-foot) Pisco mountain Saturday, two days after he died in a high-altitude fall. Recovering Backstrom's body from the remote peak in the Cordillera Blanca range was delayed a day because rescuers first had to remove a local guide who broke his leg in the operation, said officer Tavel Arellano of the Peruvian national police's High Mountain Rescue unit. The 29-year-old Backstrom, first-place winner at this year's Canadian Freeskiing Championship, died on a clear sunny day at about 2 p.m., Arellano said from Huaraz, a provincial capital. He estimated Backstrom, of Olympic Valley, Calif., fell 400 meters (more than 1,300 feet) and said the skier likely died immediately.

Israel remains defiant, seizes Gaza-bound aid ship

JERUSALEM (AP)—A defiant Israel enforced its 3-year-old blockade of Hamas-ruled Gaza on Saturday, with naval commandos swiftly commandeering a Gaza-bound aid vessel carrying an Irish Nobel laureate and other activists and forcing it to head to an Israeli port instead. The bloodless takeover stood in marked contrast to a deadly raid of another Gaza aid ship this week. However, it was unlikely to halt snowballing international outrage and demands that Israel lift or at least loosen the devastating closure that confines 1.5 million Palestinians to a small sliver of land and only allows in basic humanitarian goods. For now, the confrontations at sea are likely to continue. The organizers of Saturday's sail said they planned to dispatch as many as three more ships in coming months and that four captains already have volunteered for the missions.

Health & Fitness

To burn more fat, skip breakfast before workout

By MARIA CHENG
AP MEDICAL WRITER

LONDON (AP)—Running on empty may not be such a bad idea after all. Though many athletes eat before training, some scientists say that if you really want to get rid of more fat, you should skip the pre-workout snack.

Several studies suggest exercising while your body is low on food may be a good way to trim excess fat. In a recent paper, European researchers found that cyclists who trained without eating burned significantly more fat than their counterparts who ate.

Muscles usually get their energy from carbohydrates, which is why athletes like Lance Armstrong and Michael Phelps scarf down enormous amounts of food before a race. But if you haven't eaten before exercising, your body doesn't have many carbohydrates in reserve. That forces it to burn fat instead, scientists say.

"When you exercise (after fasting), your adrenalin is high and your insulin is low," said Peter Hespel, a professor of exercise physiology at the University of Leuven in Belgium. "That ratio is favorable for your muscles to oxidize (break down) more fatty acids." Hespel said that people who exercise without having eaten burn more fat than they would if they had grabbed a bite beforehand.

In a study published in April, researchers at the University of Birmingham and elsewhere assigned seven people to cycle three days a week, followed by an intense session an hour later without eating. Another seven people followed the same regime, without the instruction to fast.

Though members of the group that didn't eat performed worse on the intensive training, they burned a higher proportion of fat to carbohydrates than the group that ate. The results were published by Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise, the journal of the American College of Sports Medicine.

In a 2008 study, Hespel and colleagues tested the effects on men who did endurance training without eating versus those who ate. In the athletes who hadn't eaten, the researchers found a spike in the amount of proteins needed to process fat, meaning their bodies had been primed through fasting to burn more fat.

Hespel recommends people do this kind of training before breakfast, since eating carbohydrates interrupts the process of metabolizing fat for about six hours afterward.

Though he and colleagues have primarily studied the effects of exercising without eating in young, healthy people, he thinks the method could also help people with problems like diabetes. Because exercising without eating produces muscles that are better at absorbing glucose—which is important for preventing diabetes—Hespel theorized the strategy would also help diabetics control their insulin levels.

Other experts said that even though people may burn more fat this way, it is mostly fat within the muscles that will be lost and won't make a big difference to people trying to lose weight.

"When you exercise (without eating), fat is broken down more quickly in the muscle," said Andrew Greenberg, director of the Obesity and Metabolism Laboratory at Tufts University. "You may enhance how you burn the fat in the muscles, but it doesn't affect your overall body fat," Greenberg said. He said more intense exercise may prompt the body to burn more fatty acids in other regions of the body, but that a lot of training would be required to see a big difference.

For recreational athletes interested in maximizing their exercise regimen, some experts recommend a regular training session where you deliberately do not eat beforehand.

"Science is finally catching up with what smart runners have always known," said Ron Maughan, a professor of sport, exercise and health sciences at Loughborough University in Britain. "If you have a long, hard run without breakfast once a week, that hard run will train you to burn fat," he said. "And for the rest of the week, have plenty of carbohydrates so you can train hard."

WHO chief says swine flu is still a pandemic

GENEVA (AP)—The head of the World Health Organization says swine flu is still a pandemic even though the period of most intense activity appears to have passed.

WHO Director-General Margaret Chan says a decision on whether to declare the global epidemic of H1N1 over will be revisited in mid-July.

Chan's announcement Thursday came two days after a virtual meeting of international flu experts who advise her on setting the global body's pandemic alert level.

The alert level is currently at phase 6—the highest—but could be moved to the "post-peak" or "post-pandemic" stage as circulation of the virus continues to decline.

WHO last week confirmed 18,114 deaths from swine flu worldwide since the start of the outbreak in April 2009.

Personal Trainer
Common stretching mistakes
Any stretching exercise that puts heavy stress on a joint, ligament or muscle should be avoided because of the high risk of injury.
Locked-knee toe touches
Risky because lower back muscles and hamstrings must contract and support body while they are being stretched
Ballistic stretching
Sudden thrusts or leg kicks with locked knee can overstretch muscles; can cause delayed muscle soreness
Hurdler's stretch
Awkward twisting can strain or tear ligaments in bent knee; should be done only by very flexible athletes
The plow
Dangerous for hamstring and back muscles when done by a person not skilled in yoga; puts heavy pressure on neck, which must support the body's weight
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Source: "The Wellness Guide to Lifelong Fitness"
Graphic: Paul Trap

How to de-stress after work

By ALISON JOHNSON
DAILY PRESS (NEWPORT NEWS, VA.)

Carrying anxiety home from the office raises the risk of numerous health problems, including high blood pressure, a weakened immune system, headaches, depression and insomnia. Here are tips from psychologists:

Listen to music in your car. Favorite tunes will help you relax as you transition from office to home.

Don't just flop on the couch. Exercise, spend time outside and interact with family and friends to boost production of feel-good hormones. Or if you can, relax by reading, taking a hot shower or engaging in a favorite hobby.

Think positively. When you reflect on your day, focus on at least one good thing that happened.

Don't bring work home. Sometimes it's unavoidable, but the more your home is a separate sanctuary, the easier time you'll have relaxing there.

Communicate. If you've had an especially tough day, share that with your spouse and children.

Set boundaries. For example, you might tell your boss that you turn your cell phone and computer off after a certain time each night (if you can).

Don't rely on substances. Too much alcohol actually increases anxiety levels—and puts you at risk for dependence—while the nicotine in cigarettes is a powerful stimulant.

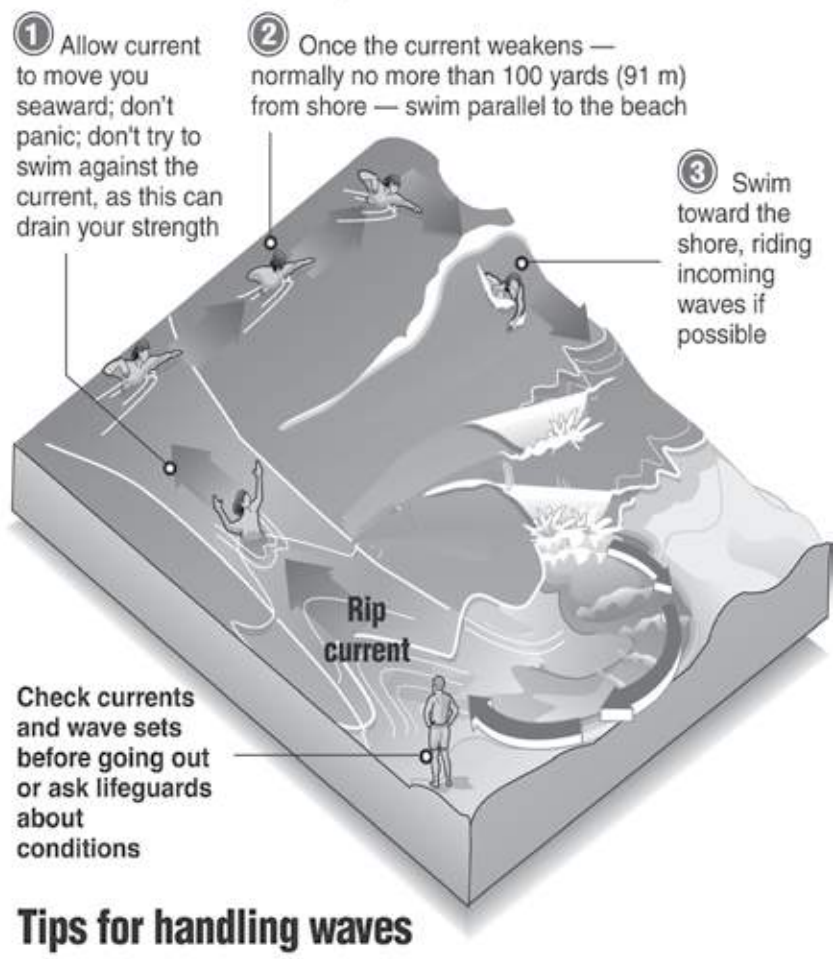
Eat if you're hungry. Low blood sugar causes anxiety and irritability. But stick to nutritious foods, because bingeing on unhealthy treats will only make you lethargic.

Realize your limits. If there's nothing you can do about a work problem at home, tell yourself that fretting is a waste of time.

Take time off. Use your vacation days, take mini-breaks during the day, delegate responsibility and learn to say no if you're swamped. None of that is easy, but otherwise your work—and health—will suffer.

Escaping a rip current

Rip currents are commonly created when a large amount of water is funneled by beach topography into narrow channels, then out to sea. A common mistake by swimmers in a rip current is trying to swim straight to shore. Here is a way to escape:


1 Allow current to move you seaward; don't panic; don't try to swim against the current, as this can drain your strength
2 Once the current weakens — normally no more than 100 yards (91 m) from shore — swim parallel to the beach
3 Swim toward the shore, riding incoming waves if possible
Rip current
Check currents and wave sets before going out or ask lifeguards about conditions

Tips for handling waves

Small waves
An easy way to let tiny waves pass you without annoying spray in the face or pushing you back is to turn perpendicular to the wave and raise your arm to deflect any splash

Medium waves
It's less punishing to reach a wave before it breaks, so don't be afraid to quickly move forward, dive through and swim out the back of wave; avoid the "impact zone" — where waves break

Bigger waves
Go deep and lie flat on the bottom while the wave rolls over, then push off with both feet; come up with hands outstretched, so you can feel anything before hitting it with your head

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Life & Style

An evening with Ernesto at the Hyatt

The evening could best be described in terms of the wines served. It started on a light note, specifically an aperitif that was all that was pleasant and refined, a 2008 Gavi di Gavi, alternating with an elegant 2006 vintage Langhe Favorita. The night soon progressed to the more full-bodied Barbera d'Alba DOC Barilin, robust and dry but velvety, capped by the fragrant Moscato d'Asti DOCG for desserts, a classic Piemontese sweet wine.

It was dubbed "An Evening with Ernesto," a reception in honor of Italian winemaker Ernesto Cassetta, who visited the Marianas region as the guest of beverage distributor Pacific Wine and Spirits. Held at the Hyatt Regency Saipan on May 30, 2010, the honoree was accompanied by compatriot Maria Carla Martino and PWS president Daniel K. Matsuno at the garden reception, where they met guests, mostly from the island's food and beverage industry, before proceeding to the Giovanni's Restaurant, where Hyatt executive chef Gabriel Colombo had prepared a four-course menu exclusively designed around the special wines featured for the evening.

Casetta said this was his second visit to the island. The first time was in 2008.

Sunday's reception began with a sunset cocktail at the Hyatt gardens, a particularly apt setting for such an elegant evening. Guests mixed and mingled, air-kissed and bowed, and alternated between the Langhe Favorita and the Gavi di Gavi while being served liver pate with balsamico reduction on bruschetta, tuna rolls with celery and arugula and Breasaola ham on ciabatta toast and basil remoulade. (This author was much to busy taking pictures to appreciate the food but it must have been good, based on the chitchat that ebbed and flowed and the occasional tinkle of laughter that wafted across the hot, humid air.)

From left, Italian winemaker Ernesto Cassetta, Maria Carla Martino, and PWS president Daniel K. Matsuno.

After about an hour, the entire party moved to the cool confines of the Giovanni's Restaurant, where Chef Colombo and his staff rolled out a delightful dinner, the main entrée of which was braised beef prime rib roulade, accompanied by grilled garden vegetables, forest berries, and red wine jus. There was also a risotto dish with zucchini, porcini mushrooms and fontina cheese fondue—all of which were accompanied by the intense Barbera d'Alba DOC Barilin, a special Reserve produced in small quantities only from the best vintages. (On a side note, Peter de Guzman played standard classics on the piano, while the centerpieces were impressive—bottles of Casetta Gavi di Gavi encased in large clear-glass vases, immersed in water up to the brim, and topped off with floating candles that gave off a subdued light.)

Toasts were made, Sigñor Casetta spoke a few brief words in Italian, Sigñora Martino translated, a few jokes were made and the evening smoothly segued to desserts at the Hyatt lobby, thanks in large part to the smooth emceeing of Ken Stewart, aka Guam's Food Guy, who has become a fixture in all PWS events. That's where the guests got to taste the Moscato d'Asti, a DOCG wine that boasts a high-end pedigree and the bouquet to show for it—intense and aromatic, primarily of Moscato grapes.

Hyatt food & beverage director Ranjeet Rajebhosale had nothing but high praise for the success of the event, saying that Chef Colombo created the perfect menu to highlight the special Casetta wines that were brought out for the night.

"I think it was a wonderful event. The range of the wine was quite good and the chef did well in bringing out the unique characteristics of the wines that were served. …The event was well-attended and, because it was not very large, people can have conversations and mingle," Rajebhosale said.

Stewart said the evening exceeded his expectations, with superlative wines combined with the culinary genius of Chef Colombo to make for an outstanding evening.

"I'm missing it already," he exclaimed. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

At MTV award shows, party matters more than prizes

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Katy Perry dripping with green slime. Jack Black, in his underpants, shooting fireworks from his crotch. Sacha Baron Cohen's alter-ego, Bruno, landing his bare backside on Eminem's face.

These sure aren't Oscar moments.

MTV Networks—which include Nickelodeon, Spike, Comedy Central and VH1—specialize in irreverent awards shows, and they're serving up a double dose this weekend with Spike's Guys Choice on Saturday and the MTV Movie Awards Sunday.

At these shows, fans pick the winners, so popular fare almost always trumps critical favorites. The categories, which change year to year, honor such achievements as Top Fantasy Leaguer and Holy Grail of Hot at Guys Choice, and the best kiss, fight and "scared-as-s--t moment" of the year at the movie awards.

The network's award shows, which also include Nickelodeon's Kids' Choice Awards and Spike's Scream awards (where Johnny Depp presented Keith Richards with the Rock Immortal award last year), are unapologetically more about the party than the prizes.

"We try to keep it fresh," says MTV Networks Chief Judy McGrath. "Let's not get too serious about this and think about what our audience really, really loves."

The shows consistently draw big ratings and big stars—George Clooney, Robert Downey Jr., Charlize Theron and Robert DeNiro are among those expected at Guys Choice, while Tom Cruise, Sandra Bullock, Adam Sandler and Cameron Diaz are set to join dozens more stars at the MTV Movie Awards.

It's a fan-centered approach, McGrath says, and the combination of top talent, quirky categories and zany antics is a winning one for all involved.

"People appreciate the twist on the traditional awards show and they can have some fun. It doesn't have that high-level-of-anxiety feel," she says, recalling last year's Guys Choice presentation of the Brass Balls award to Clint Eastwood. "Part of you can't believe Clint is coming to get this."

They come, says MTV general manager Stephen Friedman, because they know they're speaking directly to their fans.

"That's why we get the phenomenal caliber of talent that we get," he says. "It's piped straight into the people who adore them and live for them."

Publicist Alan Nierob, who represents A-listers including Downey Jr. and Jamie Foxx, says the awards hit the right demographic for movies, music and TV.

"You know what you're getting into when you're going to these things," he says of the irreverent awards. "There's always a lot of color at their shows and they get a great audience."

Celebrities also appreciate that fans call the shots, McGrath says. Fans feel an ownership because they're picking the winners, casting unlimited votes for their favorites.

The award shows are also "really good business for us," she says. "They go up every year, in how much clients love them and clamor to be part of them and the revenue they create."

And more are coming. The Halo Awards, where celebrities recognize young people for serving their communities, premiered on Nickelodeon last year. And VH1 will broadcast the Do Something Awards for the first time, hosted by Jane Lynch, on July 19.

Guys Choice, taping Saturday at Sony Studios and airing on Spike June 20, is set to include a tribute to Sylvester Stallone. Sandra Bullock is being honored at the MTV Movie Awards, to be broadcast live on MTV Sunday from the Gibson Amphitheatre in Universal City, Calif. The show, hosted by Aziz Ansari, is also set to feature performances by Perry, Snoop Dogg and Christina Aguilera, and footage from the forthcoming "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" and "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows."

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In this film publicity image released by Lionsgate, Katherine Heigl, left, and Ashton Kutcher are shown in a scene from "Killers."

'Killers' star Katherine Heigl is through apologizing

By BARRY KOLTNOW
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.—Katherine Heigl looked like she was about to cry.

Her eyes were watering, and her beautiful face contorted as if in pain.

For a moment, one might have thought that she was re-living that mea culpa cover story in a national magazine in April, in which she apologized to the public for any missteps or misstatements she might have made in leaving her Emmy-winning role in the hit TV show "Grey's Anatomy" to pursue a burgeoning movie career.

But it turned out not to be a bout of contrition that caused her discomfort, but allergies. In fact, she apologized for making faces, and assured me that she is done making apologies. Yes, even she appreciated the irony of that last remark.

The 31-year-old actress, who is sporting dark hair these days instead of her familiar blond locks, spoke freely about her need to apologize publicly, and, sitting in a Beverly Hills hotel room, she also explained the dark hair, how adopting a child in September changed her life, and why she chose to star opposite Ashton Kutcher in the action/ comedy "Killers," which opens Friday.

She plays a young woman on vacation in France who meets the ultimate bad boy—a government assassin. Hilarity, death and marital bliss ensue.

Q. Is the apology tour over?

A. (laughs): Yes, it is.

Q. How did that work out?

A. I don't know. For me, it was a weird time. I was told that I really offended people, and that people thought I was being ungrateful and that I was losing my fan base. The most upsetting part of that was that people thought I was ungrateful. I really needed to correct that, but then the apology became the whole story.

Q. I didn't want to be another media person dwelling on the apology, but I thought that Entertainment Weekly cover was so strange.

A. I needed to clarify my position, which was that I'm just a kid with an opinion; don't take me too seriously. I used to whine, in a joking way, that I was tired at work, but suddenly that turned into ungrateful.

Q. Do you believe your motivations were misunderstood?

A. Certainly, my motivations were misunderstood. I didn't mean that I shouldn't have to work these hours on the job. It wasn't just me working 17 hours a day; there was a whole crew of people working the same hours, and it upset me that people thought I was complaining for myself. The crew was working longer and harder than me, and I thought it was unfair. But it came out like I was this whiny actress.

Q. Do you think you're past it now?

A. I think so, although everybody brings it up in interviews.

Q. Sorry about that.

A. No, it's OK. It is what it is. I'm not ashamed or embarrassed. I was for a minute, but I've done my part. But I don't want to come off like a diva. I know it's still fresh so people want to talk about it.

Q. Did you learn anything from the experience?

A. One of the most important things you can do as a human being is to grow and change, and admit when you're wrong. I was wrong, and I admitted it. Believe me, I'm going to make a million more mistakes in my life.

Q. In "Grey's Anatomy," you did some pretty serious acting, but in your movie career, you have shown more of an inclination toward comedy, particularly in "Knocked Up," "27 Dresses," "The Ugly Truth" and now "Killers." When did you get in touch with your inner Lucy Ricardo?

A. (laughs) It was "Knocked Up" that gave me my first opportunity, although I was mostly the straight person reacting to those incredibly funny people around me. That got me more comfortable with physical comedy.

Q. But there must have been something before that. Were you funny in high school?

A. Oh no. I took myself way too seriously in high school.

Q. So, how did you find comedy?

A. When I first moved to Los Angeles, I was about 19. I hit puberty late, and I was about 20 pounds heavier than I am now. I had a baby face but a voluptuous body, and 20 pounds overweight doesn't go over well in Hollywood. I was being told constantly to lose weight. And then my skin broke out. I was really self-conscious. So I stopped relying on being pretty, and started relying on being funny.

Q. So, you weren't a naturally funny kid?

A. My mother always thought I was funny. Does that count?

Q. No. My mother thinks I'm tall and blond.

A. (laughs). But I did have a weird sense of humor.

Q. Do you enjoy doing comedy?

A. I love it. There's nothing better than bouncing funny lines off each other.

Q. Can we address the elephant in the room?

A. OK.

Q. Why the dark hair?

A. It's for a film role I'm starting in July. It's called "One for the Money."

Q. That's based on the Stephanie Plum novels. How does "Killers" fit into the career plan?

A. I didn't want to move too far away from the romantic comedies because I really enjoy them and they're working for me, but it has this whole action twist. I get to be goofy to Ashton's straight man. In my other roles, I played the neurotic, uptight girl, but I got to play something entirely different.

Q. Obviously, you're not running from the romantic comedy genre?

A. I'm not saying I'll never doing another drama again. In fact, I have a dramatic project planned in the fall, but it's certainly not "Monster." It's not that heavy. But I love romantic comedies. That's what I go to see at the movies. Sometimes, I just want to laugh and be entertained. The heavy dramas stick with me too long.

Q. Excuse me, but would you like a tissue?

A. No, I'm all right. It's my allergies. I'm dying, but I'm OK. I just want to make sure I don't have some gigantic mascara drip running down my face.

Q. No, you're good.

A. Thank you.

Q. It seems as if you enjoy making movies a lot more than making television shows. Is that true?

A. The only reason I prefer it to TV is that it's more of a part-time job. Television is a nine months a year job; movies are a three-month job. I can control my year a little better.

Q. Why is that important?

A. I can spend more time off with my family. My husband (singer-songwriter Josh Kelley) is releasing a country album soon, and I'd like to take the baby with him on tour.

Q. You're going to do the whole tour bus thing?

A. I already told him I'm not sleeping on the bus. Me, the baby and eight guys on a bus? I don't think so. They smell. I'll stay in a hotel.

Q. Has motherhood made you a better actress?

A. I don't know that yet.

Q. Why did you wait so long to become a mom?

A. In our 20s, it was all about our careers, and it was all about us. Finally, we decided to expand the horizons a little bit. I really wanted to be a mom, and I really wanted something in my life that was more important than me.

Q. And did it turn out as you had hoped?

A. There is one part of me that feels like Naleigh has been in my life forever, and that I have been her mother forever. There is another part of my life that is completely different than it used to be. But I still go out to dinner with my husband, and I still have a few hours while she's sleeping to do what I want. I still live my life.

Q. But wouldn't you have liked to enjoy this movie-star phase as a single woman with no responsibilities?

A. No, I've been working my whole life. I really wanted a family. I was done with work being my number one priority.

Q. Your first thought in the morning is her?

A. Absolutely.

Q. But when you do have some free time, do you think about your career?

A. Yes. It's still important to me, and that's a dilemma for me. I've always said I'll be a working mom, and now I realize it's going to be a compromise. I'm already itching to get back to work, and yet my heart is aching right now because she's upstairs and I'm not with her. It's distracting not to be with her.

Q. What was your sudden "Grey's Anatomy" fame like?

A. It was the most exciting time of my life for about two years. I couldn't believe photographers were following me around. I couldn't believe anyone cared what I ate in a restaurant. It was thrilling because I spent so many years worrying about my next job. I wouldn't have traded that time for anything.

Q. But it must have grown old at some point?

A. It did, but you hate to complain because people think you're being ungrateful. But it wasn't healthy to have so much focus on me. I started to not be me. Then again, nobody held a gun to my head and made me be an actress. I chose this life, and I'm glad I did.

'Gossip Girl' star Crawford arrested on pot charge

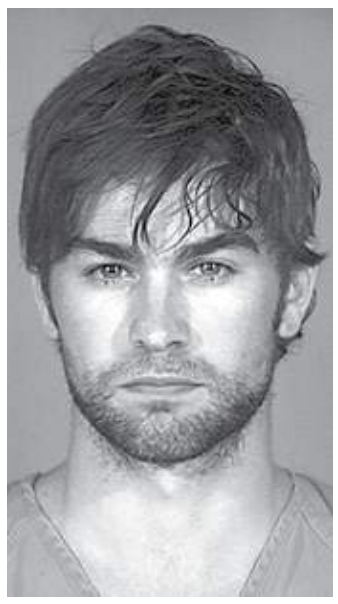
PLANO, Texas (AP)—Texas authorities say "Gossip Girl" heartthrob Chace Crawford faces a marijuana possession charge after being arrested in the Dallas suburb of Plano.

Police spokesman Rick McDonald says Crawford was arrested in a parked vehicle early Friday morning. He was booked and later released on a misdemeanor charge of possessing less than two ounces of marijuana.

Crawford's publicist didn't immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

The 24-year-old actor plays the hunky Nate Archibald on the CW teen drama. He's slated to star in an upcoming remake of the 1984 film "Footloose."

People magazine listed Crawford as its hottest bachelor of last summer. He also was named last year's Teen Choice Awards winner for actor in a TV drama.



This photo provided by the Plano (Texas) Police Department shows actor Chace Crawford.

AP

2 more Japan theaters cancel dolphin hunt film

TOKYO (AP)—Two more movie theaters in Japan have canceled screenings of "The Cove," an Oscar-winning documentary that shows footage of a dolphin hunt in a Japanese village.

In recent months, protesters with loudspeakers have been shouting slogans at the Tokyo office of Unplugged, the distributor of "The Cove," criticizing the film as a betrayal of Japanese pride.

Unplugged said Friday the cancellations at Cinemart theaters in Tokyo and Osaka were triggered by worries about safety of moviegoers and businesses nearby. The Tokyo cinema where the movie was to open changed its mind Thursday after getting angry phone calls and warnings of protests.

Most Japanese have never eaten dolphin meat. But some believe killing dolphins and whales is part of traditional culinary culture and resent the interference of outsiders focused on species protection.

"The Cove" screened at the Tokyo International Film Festival in October and at smaller events in Japan but has not opened to the Japanese public. The Japanese version blurs the faces of some people on screen to lessen the possibility of trouble.

Unplugged said talks were under way with other theaters to show the film, although details weren't released.

Porn actor sought in slaying dies in hillside fall

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A porn actor suspected of killing a colleague died Saturday after falling some 40 feet from a rocky hillside after a standoff with police, officials said.

A "less than lethal munition" was used against Stephen Clancy Hill just before he fell, said police Officer Bruce Borihanh, who had no other details about the weapon that was used.

Hill

KABC-TV video of the incident showed Hill moving to the edge of the outcropping from a seated position and then letting himself drop as police closed in on him.

SWAT officers had spent part of Saturday afternoon trying to talk Hill down from the hillside as he clutched a sword.

It was unknown whether the sword was the murder weapon in Tuesday's deadly attack at a DVD production center that also left two people injured.

Hill, 34, fled to the Chatsworth neighborhood hillside after leaving a house where he was barricaded for most of Saturday.

Murder and attempted murder charges had been filed against Hill Friday after Eric Jover, who runs the Ultima DVD production house, offered a $2,000 reward on the company's website for information leading to his arrest.

Hill attacked a colleague with a sword that was used as a film prop during a social gathering at Ultima's studios about a week after being told he was being fired and that he would have to move out of the production facility, where he had been living, authorities said.

He then turned on two others who rushed to their co-worker's defense. One of those who attempted to help, Herbert Hin Wong, 30, was killed in the attack.

Hill, whose professional name is Steve Driver, fled in an SUV with the murder weapon, authorities said.

Colo. theater says Sheen lawyers asked about work

ASPEN, Colo. (AP)—Attorneys for Charlie Sheen have approached a Colorado nonprofit theater about having the actor do public service work as part of a plea deal in his domestic violence case, the theater's artistic director said Friday.

Sheen

Sheen's duties, if the deal is approved, would include teaching a class and helping with Theatre Aspen's three summer shows, Paige Price said.

"I certainly think he has the career credentials," she said. "And he could possibly teach a class or do question-and-answer sessions. If this could benefit the Theatre Aspen's actors or students, I would certainly be amenable to it."

Pitkin County Chief Deputy District Attorney Arnold Mordkin said earlier this week that prosecutors have reached an agreement with Sheen over menacing, criminal mischief and assault charges stemming from an argument with his wife on Christmas Day at an Aspen home.

A police officer's arrest affidavit quoted Brooke Sheen as saying the actor pinned her on a bed while holding a knife to her throat and making a threat.

Bourne's all-male 'Swan Lake' returning to NYC

NEW YORK (AP)—More than a decade after its acclaimed run on Broadway, Matthew Bourne's all-male "Swan Lake" is returning to New York.

Bourne's reinterpretation of the classic Russian ballet, which he directed and choreographed, will play in a limited engagement Oct. 13-Nov. 7 at New York City Center.

Its first incarnation arrived on Broadway in 1998 and won three Tony awards for direction of a musical, choreography and costume design. Bourne's "Swan Lake" has since toured worldwide, and current productions continue to play throughout the United Kingdom and in Asia.

In a statement, Bourne said he has never stopped working on "Swan Lake," and that he was "truly excited" to bring "the power and the majesty of our now famous male swans" back to New York.

AP

In this Dec. 15, 2009 publicity image released by Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake, the cast is shown from "Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake."

Creative gift comes from the heart, not the wallet

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DearAbby

DEAR ABBY: I am sending along a gift suggestion for Father's Day for the dad who doesn't "need or want anything."

I recently celebrated a major birthday and my four dear adult children, all living in different parts of the country, collaborated electronically to record some of their favorite memories of their years at home—some humorous, some touching, some surprising. These were written on tiny bits of paper, carefully folded or scrolled and packed into a small wooden box. There were 365 in all, with the expectation that I'd have one a day for a year.

I was so taken with the delight of reading them, however, that I read them all in two weeks! My heart will be warmed for a very long time.

DEAR OLD DAD IN MAINE

DEAR DAD: What a wonderful idea—and bless you for sharing it. Readers, listen up! It's a gift that costs little but time and thought, but is brimming with true meaning.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have done many things over the years to help out our son and daughter-in-law, "Cathy," including sending money, clothing, diapers, food and baby-sitting our grandchildren. Our son expresses appreciation for our help, but Cathy is another matter.

We send clothing for the babies, but there is no acknowledgment that it even arrived. When we take them gifts in person, without a word of thanks she asks if we have the receipts so she can return them.

Cathy will eat or drink in our presence but offer us nothing. She is insensitive, self-centered and often just plain rude. She seems to have no clue about how to be gracious. My wife is near tears at the end of every visit. It drives us nuts to be treated like this.

I am afraid our grandchildren will grow up imitating their mother's rude and disrespectful behavior. My wife does not want me to speak with our son about this because she's afraid we'll never see the grandchildren again. Can you give us some guidance as to what we should do?

CLEVELAND READER

DEAR READER: Yes. Speak privately with your son and tell him how hurt his mother is at the treatment she has received. While it's possible that Cathy was raised having learned none of the social graces, it is disconcerting that your son would sit silently by and watch it happen. He should insist that his parents be shown more respect, and if necessary, explain and demonstrate for her exactly what that means.

DEAR ABBY: Several couples recently spent a week together on an excursion with each couple paying for their own lodging and meals. One couple complained at every meal about the cost. These meals were not overly expensive, and the couple can well afford everything they spent.

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DEAR MEALTIME ADVENTURE: This couple may not have the money you assume they have, or they may prefer to spend it in other ways than at restaurants. Obviously, what wasn't overly expensive to you was more than they had planned on spending for their meals or they wouldn't have spoken up. Rather than telling them that it made you uncomfortable, invite another couple whose values more closely mirror your own to accompany you on future excursions.

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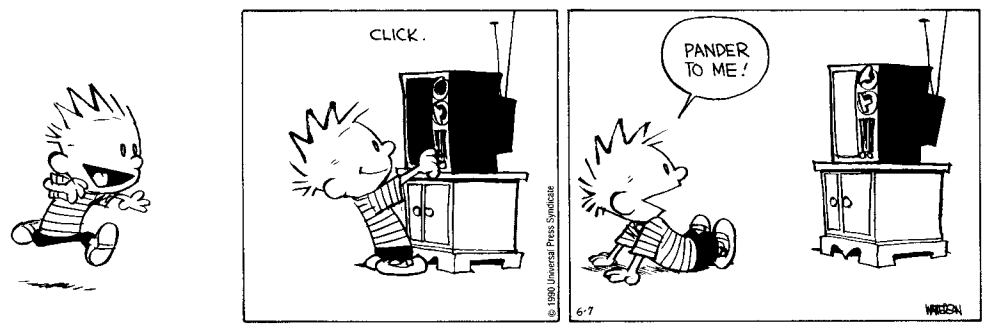

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5 Spinning meas.
8 Small songbird
12 Mournfully, in music
14 Continental coin
15 Airship
16 Actress Hathaway
17 Moray, for one
18 Mortarboard dangler
20 Earning a bronze medal
23 Horse's neck hair
24 Bankrolls
25 Wool grease
28 Praise, in verse
29 Sacred Muslim text
30 Corn on the —
32 Olympics spear
34 Libertine
35 Eye amorously
36 Tubular pasta
37 "Give a hoot, don't pollute" owl
40 A billion years
41 Beefcake type
42 Kate of reality TV
47 On the briny
48 Entry on a sports schedule
49 Disarray
50 Wildebeest
51 World's fair

DOWN
1 Woodshaping tool
2 Namath or DiMaggio
3 Matterhorn, e.g.
4 "Three's Company" couple
5 Rock partner
6 Letter before omega
7 Butte dweller
8 "Pop Goes the —"
9 Baseball scores
10 Sea eagle
11 Playwright Coward
13 Clarinetist's sliver
19 In due time
20 Pair
21 Pilgrimage to Mecca
22 Concept
23 "Everybody Loves Raymond" mom
25 Dawdle
26 PC picture
27 Part of speech
29 Frat party necessities
31 Spelling contest
33 Bar orders
34 Fail to follow suit
36 Flower
37 "Pow!"
38 Northampton-shire river
39 Individuals
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43 Possess
44 Remiss
45 Mischievous tyke
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Solution time: 24 mins.

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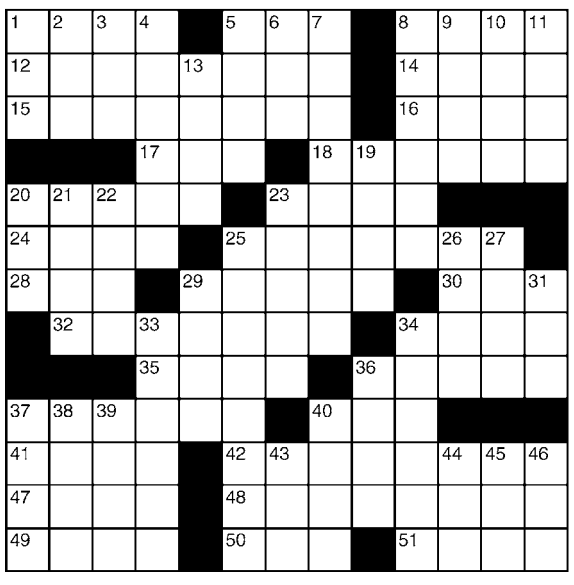

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Put your energy into accomplishing what needs doing and you will avert a debate with someone you have to work with. Your energetic approach and endless desire to get things done will impress the people in your life. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Look beyond any adversity you face and you will see the big picture. There is a window of opportunity that can lead to a better personal and professional future, if you are willing to dismiss old mistakes. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Think matters through carefully and don't spend on something you cannot afford. Taking time to help others will keep you occupied and bring you satisfaction and the chance to make extra cash. Discipline and dedication are expected of you. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Being forced to accept a change of plans may not come easy but, if you are willing to compromise, it will not be nearly as difficult. Someone you meet due to these changes will influence your life and help you jumpstart your plans. ✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You can learn a great deal if you are open to suggestions made by peers, colleagues or someone with experience. Your determination to add to your resume will help you close a deal, altering your future plans. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Don't let emotional stress lead to health problems. Deal with any matters of concern swiftly so that you can take time to relax. A secret meeting will be unnerving. Once sorted out, you will feel better about your next move. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You must control your day before your day controls you. Emotions will surface over jobs unfinished and responsibilities shirked. Visit someone who can shed light on a personal situation that is irking you. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Someone you are dealing with is not likely to be honest with you but it won't be difficult for you to read between the lines. Social networking will help you find partners with something to offer. Set your standards high and do not deviate. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Be honest about what you truly want. Living a lie will not solve problems but, speaking out and sharing your concerns about the future will enable you to move forward, even if someone isn't happy with your choices. ✪✪✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Discussing your feelings with friends or relatives will put you in a vulnerable position. Instead, keep things to yourself for the time being. A trip or a little fact-finding will help you sort through any difficulties. ✪✪

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AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): A chance to fulfill a goal you had in the past will give you a new lease on life. The more you can offer others based on what you have learned and the skills you have developed, the further you will go. There is money to be made. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Don't jeopardize your money or your position. Take care of important details and any potential problem that can develop between you and a partner. Talks regarding money and spending will help eliminate future disagreements. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are forceful, clever and emotional. You are hardworking and strive for perfection. You are compassionate, caring and popular.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

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YAHONG BAI INDALECIO, Plaintiff, vs ZHANG KUN NIANA and QIANDE LI, Defendants. — Civil Action No. 09-0347 — SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

ZHANG KUN NIANA and QIANDE LI

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which you can get at the TORRES BROTHERS, LLC., within thirty (30) days after the last day of publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the TORRES BROTHERS, LLC, whose address is P.O. Box 501856, TORRES BROTHERS, LLC., Ben & Bibang Bldg., 1st Floor, Middle Road, Saipan MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

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If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment of default may be taken against you for the relief as stated in the Complaint.

By order of this Court.

Dated this 6th of May 2010.

/s/ Clerk of Courts

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

OSCAR MARATITA OGO, Plaintiff, vs SEVERINA ATALIG OGO, Respondent. — FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-0150 — ORDER TO APPEAR OF PLEAD (7 CMC § 1301)

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: **SEVERINA ATALIG OGO**

PURSUANT TO 7 CMC § 1301, YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to make your appearance or file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint filed with the Commonwealth Superior Court, within 30 days from the service date. You are instructed to make your appearance before the Clerk of Courts of mail a copy of your answer to the Complaint to the TORRES BROTHERS, LLC., whose address is P.O. box 501856, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing. You may obtain a copy of the Complaint by contacting Petitioner's counsel of record.

If you choose to file an answer, your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of Court of Guma Hustisia, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and send to the Clerk of the Court by messenger or mail.

If you fail to make your appearance or file an answer in accordance with this Order To Appear or Plead, a default judgment will be entered against you for the relief of the Complaint.

A copy of this Order is to be published at a newspaper of general circulation, once a week for two consecutive weeks.

SO OREDERED this 1st of April, 2010.

/s/ KENNETH L. GOVENDO
Associate Judge

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KARL TROOST, Deceased. — CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-0056-CV

TO: MR. JOSE C. TUDELA, and his Counsel of Record, Vicente T. Salas PARADISE ISLAND ANIMAL HOSPITAL, & its Counsel of Record, F. Matthew Smith MS. BANG QIONG, THE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, CARL ALOISIUS TROOST, CHINTANA TROOST MADEA TROOST, ASHA TROOST, RAFFAEL TROOST, ALL OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER IN ANY WAY

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Dated: June 3, 2010.

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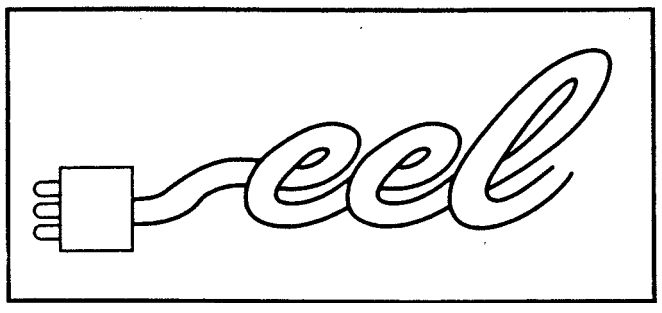

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Former UCLA basketball coach John Wooden dies

LOS ANGELES (AP)— John Wooden, college basketball's gentlemanly Wizard of Westwood who built one of the greatest dynasties in all of sports at UCLA and became one of the most revered coaches ever, has died. He was 99.

The university said Wooden died Friday night of natural causes at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, where he had been since May 26.

Wooden remained beloved by many of his former players, several of whom visited him in recent days to say their goodbyes.

Among them was Bill Walton, whose voice caught as he spoke of the man he hailed as a teacher first and a coach second.

"He's the greatest," Walton said the night before Wooden's death. "We love him."

Jamaal Wilkes said he recognized what he called "that little glint" in Wooden's pale blue eyes.

During his second visit Wednesday night, Wilkes asked Wooden if he recognized him.

"His glasses fogged up, and he had to clean his glasses," Wilkes said. "He looked at me and said, 'I remember you, now go sit down.'"

Los Angeles Dodgers manager Joe Torre and current UCLA coach Ben Howland were among Wooden's final visitors.

"I just enjoyed him and the twinkle in his eye," Howland said, noting Wooden told a few jokes from his hospital bed. "I'm just the steward of this program. It's always going to be his program."

Jim Harrick is the only coach in the post-Wooden era at UCLA to win a national championship. When the Bruins reached the 1995 Final Four in Seattle, Harrick repeatedly urged Wooden to attend. He had stopped going after his wife died 10 years earlier.

"You don't know how stubborn he was," Harrick said by phone from Orange County, Calif. "Finally, he did come, and it was a tremendous thrill."

With his signature rolled-up game program in hand, Wooden led the Bruins to 10 NCAA championships, including an unmatched streak of seven in a row from 1967 to 1973.

Over 27 years, he won 620 games, including 88 straight during one historic stretch, and coached many of the game's greatest players such as Walton and Lew Alcindor—later known as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

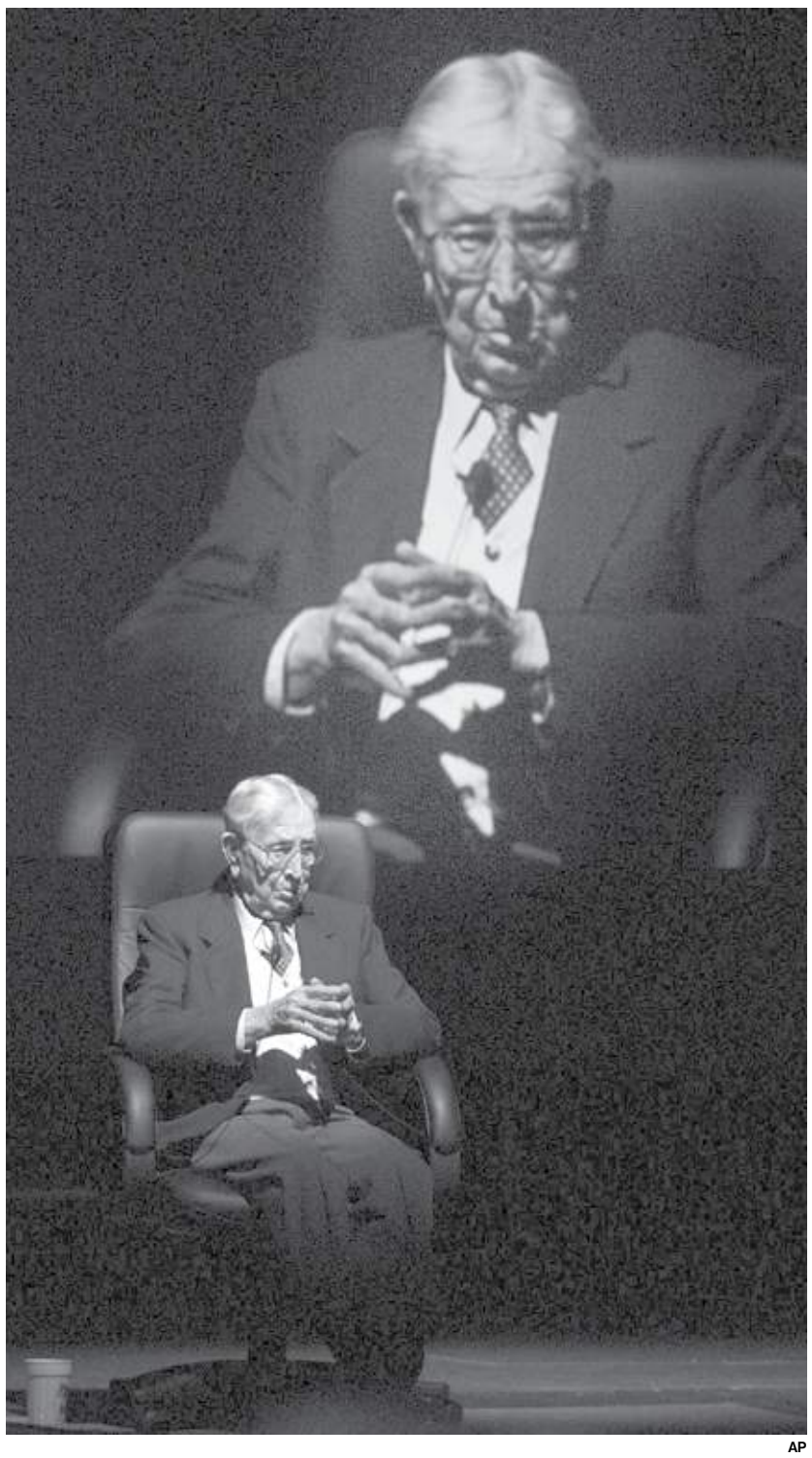
"It's kind of hard to talk about Coach Wooden simply, because he was a complex man. But he taught in a very simple way. He just used sports as a means to teach us how to apply ourselves to any situation," Abdul-Jabbar said in a statement released through UCLA.

"He set quite an example. He was more like a parent than a coach. He really was a very selfless and giving human being, but he was a disciplinarian. We learned all about those aspects of life that most kids want to skip over. He wouldn't let us do that."

Wooden is the only person to be inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame as both a player and a coach.

Jim Wooden and Nancy Muehlhausen issued a statement after their father died, saying, "He has been, and always will be, the guiding light for our family.

"The love, guidance and support he has given us will never be forgotten. Our peace of mind at this time is knowing that he has gone to be with our mother, whom he has continued to love and cherish."



AP

In this photo taken June 6, 2002, former UCLA basketball coach John Wooden spoke to a full house at Johnson Fine Arts Center on the campus of Northern State University, in Aberdeen, S.D. Wooden came to Aberdeen as a guest of then NSU basketball coach Don Meyer. Reports list Wooden in grave condition.

Wooden was a groundbreaking trendsetter who demanded his players be in great condition so they could play an up-tempo style not well-known on the West Coast at the time.

But his legacy extended well beyond that.

He was the master of the simple one- or two-sentence homily, instructive little messages best presented in his famous "Pyramid of Success," which remains must-read material, not only for fellow coaches but for anyone in a leadership position in American business.

He taught the team game and had only three hard-and-fast rules—no profanity, tardiness or criticizing fellow teammates. Layered beneath that seeming simplicity, though, were a slew of life lessons—primers on everything from how to put on your socks correctly to how to maintain poise: "Not being thrown off stride in how you behave or what you believe because of outside events."

"What you are as a person is far more important that what you are as a basketball player," was one of Wooden's key messages.

Wooden began his career as a teacher during the Great Depression and was still teaching others long past retirement. Up until about two years ago, he remained a fixture at UCLA games played on a court named after him and his late wife, Nell, and celebrated his 99th birthday with a book he co-authored on how to live life and raise children.

Even with his staggering accomplishments, he remained humble and gracious. He said he tried to live by advice from his father: "Be true to yourself, help others, make each day your masterpiece, make friendship a fine art, drink deeply from good books - especially the Bible, build a shelter against a rainy day, give thanks for your blessings and pray for guidance every day."

While he lived his father's words, many more lived his. Those lucky enough to play for him got it first hand, but there was no shortage of Wooden sayings making the rounds far away from the basketball court.

"Learn as if you were to live forever; live as if you were to die tomorrow," was one.

"Don't give up on your dreams, or your dreams will give up on you," was another.

Born Oct. 14, 1910, near Martinsville, Ind., on a farm that didn't have electricity or indoor plumbing, Wooden's life revolved around sports from the time his father built a baseball diamond among his wheat, corn and alfalfa. Baseball was his favorite sport, but there was also a basketball hoop nailed in a hayloft. Wooden played there countless hours with his brother, Maurice, using any kind of ball they could find.

He led Martinsville High School to the Indiana state basketball championship in 1927 before heading to Purdue, where he was All-America from 1930-32. The Boilermakers were national champions his senior season, and Wooden, nicknamed "the Indiana Rubber Man" for his dives on the hardcourt, was college basketball's player of the year.

But it wasn't until he headed west to Southern California that Wooden really made his mark on the game.

Wooden guided the Bruins to seven consecutive titles from 1967 through 1973 and a record 88-game winning streak in the early 1970s. From the time of his first title following the 1963-64 season through the 10th in 1974-75, Wooden's Bruins were 330-19, including four 30-0 seasons.

"There has been no greater influence on college basketball not just about the game but the team," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun told the AP. "He gave so much to basketball and education. In my opinion if he's not as important as Dr. Naismith, he's right next to him."

The bespectacled former high school teacher ended up at UCLA almost by accident. Wooden was awaiting a call from the University of Minnesota for its head coaching job and thought he had been passed over when it didn't come. In the meantime, UCLA called, and he accepted the job.

Minnesota officials called later that night, saying they couldn't get through earlier because of a snowstorm, and offered him the job. Though Wooden wanted it more than the UCLA job, he told them he already had given UCLA his word.

The Bruins were winners right away after Wooden took over as coach at UCLA's campus in Westwood in 1949. Still, it would be 16 seasons before Wooden won his first NCAA championship with a team featuring Walt Hazzard that went 30-0 in 1964. After that, they began arriving in bunches, with top players such as Alcindor, Walton, Wilkes, Lucius Allen, Gail Goodrich, Marques Johnson, Michael Warren and Sidney Wicks coming to Westwood.

Each of Wooden's players would learn at the first practice how to properly put on socks and sneakers. Each would learn to keep his hair short and face clean-shaven, even though the fashions of the 1960s and '70s dictated otherwise.

And each would learn Wooden's "pyramid of success," a chart he used to both inspire players and sum up his personal code for life. Industriousness and enthusiasm were its cornerstones; faith, patience, loyalty and self-control were some of the building blocks. At the top of the pyramid was competitive greatness.

"Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are," Wooden would tell them.

Wooden never had to worry about his reputation. He didn't drink or swear or carouse with other coaches on the road, though he did have a penchant for berating referees.

"Dadburn it, you saw him double-dribble down there!" went a typical Wooden complaint to an official. "Goodness gracious sakes alive!"

Wooden would coach 27 years at UCLA, finishing with a record of 620-147. He won 47 NCAA tournament games. His overall mark as a college coach was 664-162, an .804 winning percentage.

Wooden's legacy as a coach will always be framed by two streaks—the seven straight national titles UCLA won beginning in 1967 and the 88-game winning streak that came to an end Jan. 19, 1974, when Notre Dame beat the Bruins 71-70.

After the loss, Wooden refused to allow his players to talk to reporters. A week later, UCLA beat the Irish at home by 19 points.

A little more than a year later, Wooden surprisingly announced his retirement after a 75-74 NCAA semifinal victory over Louisville. He then went out and coached the Bruins for the last time, winning his 10th national title with a 92-85 win over Kentucky.

Wooden disliked the Wizard of Westwood nickname, preferring to be called coach.

"I'm no wizard, and I don't like being thought of in that light at all," he said in a 2006 interview with the UCLA History Project. "I think of a wizard as being some sort of magician or something, doing something on the sly or something, and I don't want to be thought of in that way."

The road to coaching greatness began after Wooden graduated with honors from Purdue and married Nell Riley, his high school sweetheart.

In a 2008 public appearance with Los Angeles Dodgers announcer Vin Scully, in which the men were interviewed in front of an audience, Wooden said he still wrote his late wife—the only girl he ever dated—a letter on the 21st of each month, the date she died. "She's still there to me," he said. "I talk to her every day."

He coached two years at Dayton (Ky.) High School, and his 6-11 losing record the first season was the only one in his 40-year coaching career. He then spent the next nine years coaching basketball, baseball and tennis at South Bend (Ind.) Central High School, where he also taught English.

Wooden served in the Navy as a physical education instructor during World War II, and continued teaching when he became the basketball coach at Indiana State Teachers College, where he went 47-17 in two seasons.

In his first year at Indiana State, Wooden's team won the Indiana Collegiate Conference title and received an invitation to the NAIB tournament in Kansas City. Wooden, who had a black player on his team, refused the invitation because the NAIB had a policy banning African-Americans. The rule was changed the next year, and Wooden led Indiana State to another conference title.

It was then that UCLA called.

"Even though we anticipated this day, the finality still strikes with a force equal to a ton of bricks," said St. John's coach Steve Lavin, who coached seven years at UCLA. "Ninety-nine years of goodness, and now he's back with Nell."

Nell, Wooden's wife of 53 years, died of cancer in 1985. Besides his son and daughter, Wooden is survived by three grandsons, four granddaughters and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be private. A public memorial will be held later, with a reception for former players and coaches.

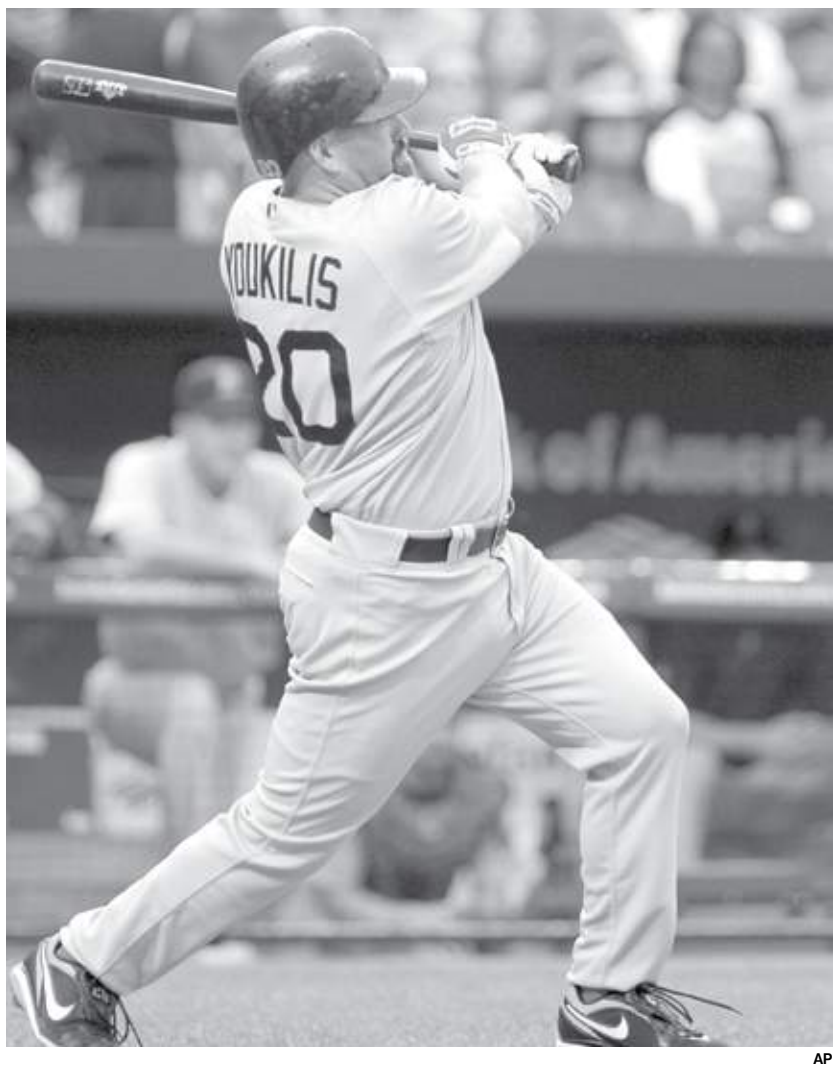
Youkilis, Lester lead Red Sox over Orioles

BALTIMORE (AP)—Kevin Youkilis homered in the seventh inning to break open a scoreless game as the Boston Red Sox beat Baltimore 8-2 Saturday to extend the Orioles' losing streak to 10 games.

Jon Lester (7-2) gave up four hits and three walks in 6 1-3 innings to win his seventh straight decision, matching the longest unbeaten run of his career. The left-hander is 11-0 with a 2.06 ERA lifetime against the Orioles.

Jeremy Guthrie (3-6) was nearly as effective for Baltimore. But after allowing only two hits through six innings, his first pitch of the seventh inning was driven by Youkilis into the left-field seats.

Boston added a run against Guthrie in the eighth when newcomer Josh Reddick tripled and scored on a single by Marco Scutaro.



AP

Boston Red Sox Kevin Youkilis follows his double against the Baltimore Orioles during the first inning of a baseball game, Saturday, June 5, 2010, in Baltimore.

Blue Jays 3, Yankees 2, 14 innings

At Toronto, Aaron Hill singled home the winning run in the 14th inning as Toronto edged New York.

Facing right-hander Chad Gaudin (0-3), New York's sixth pitcher of the game, Edwin Encarnacion led off the bottom of the 14th with a walk, then took second on Fred Lewis' sacrifice bunt.

Hill followed with a single to center, scoring Encarnacion without a throw.

Vernon Wells and Alex Gonzalez hit solo home runs for the Blue Jays, who lead the major leagues with 96 homers, and Casey Janssen (4-0) pitched two innings for the win.

Derek Jeter hit a two-run homer for the Yankees.

Rangers 6, Rays 1

At Arlington, Texas, Tommy Hunter pitched a five-hitter in his season debut and Josh Hamilton homered as Texas downed Tampa Bay.

Hunter (1-0), called up from Triple-A Oklahoma earlier in the day, struck out four and didn't issue a walk. He retired 14 of the last 16 he faced in his second career complete game.

Hunter's other complete game came against Seattle on Sept. 13, 2009.

Hamilton continued his hot June with a two-run blast in the first, and is 10 for 22 this month to raise his average from .281 to .299.

Angels 11, Mariners 2

At Seattle, Torii Hunter had three hits, three RBIs and keyed a decisive six-run sixth inning to lead Los Angeles past Seattle.

The Angels won for the ninth time in 11 games, and improved to 5-1 on a 14-game road trip—the team's longest trek in eight years.

Ervin Santana (6-3) won his fifth consecutive start, allowing one run and seven hits in six innings, and Los Angeles moved a season-high two games over .500.

Tigers 4, Royals 2

At Kansas City, Missouri, Justin Verlander pitched seven strong innings and Miguel Cabrera hit his 17th home run of the season as Detroit beat Kansas City.

Verlander (6-4), who is 10-2 with a 2.57 ERA in 16 career starts against the Royals, gave up two runs on five hits with three walks and four strikeouts.

Cabrera, who leads the majors with 52 RBIs, broke up the scoreless duel with a two-out homer to left in the sixth. In his past 13 games, Cabrera has nine home runs and 16 RBIs.

Indians 3, White Sox 1

At Chicago, Austin Kearns had an RBI single in the fourth inning and scored on a balk, and Mitch Talbot pitched seven strong innings to lead Cleveland over Chicago.

Talbot (7-4) allowed one run on six hits with five strikeouts and three walks.

White Sox starter Jake Peavy (4-5) went seven innings and allowed two runs on six hits. He struck out three and walked one.

Twins 4, Athletics 3

At Oakland, California, Matt Tolbert hit a tiebreaking two-out single in the ninth inning to drive in pinch-runner J.J. Hardy for Minnesota.

Pinch-hitter Justin Morneau started the inning with an intentional walk and was replaced by Hardy, who was a late scratch from Minnesota's starting lineup because of a sore left wrist. After A's reliever Brad Ziegler (2-3) walked Nick Punto, Denard Span hit into a fielder's choice to move Hardy to third, Tolbert lined a 1-0 pitch into left-center to drive in the eventual winning run.

Phillies 6, Padres 2

At Philadelphia, Jamie Moyer pitched a seven-hitter and Jayson Werth homered to help the Philadelphia Phillies break out of their offensive slump with a win over the San Diego Padres.

Ryan Howard went 2 for 4 with a double and two RBIs, and Chase Utley also drove in a run for the Phillies, who won their second straight.

Moyer (6-5), who moved into a tie for 38th all-time with 264 career wins, settled down after surrendering two runs on five hits in the second inning. He allowed just two hits the rest of the way while striking out one and walking one. It was the 47-year-old left-hander's second complete game this season, and 33rd for a career that began in 1986. He also joined Phil Niekro (121) and Jack Quinn (103) as the only pitchers to win 100 games after age 40.

Diamondbacks 4, Rockies 3

At Phoenix, Dontrelle Willis pitched six scoreless innings and scored a run in his Arizona debut as the Diamondbacks held on to beat Colorado.

The big left-hander, acquired Tuesday from Detroit, brought some of his recent command problems with him. He walked four, hit a batter and the Rockies had a runner in scoring position against him in every inning except the first, but he escaped every jam.

Ryan Roberts drove in two with a two-out, pinch-hit double in the sixth as Arizona won its second in a row after losing 10 straight.

Mets 6, Marlins 1

At New York, Jonathon Niese pitched brilliantly in his return from the disabled list and David Wright hit a rare homer at Citi Field as New York downed Florida.

Wright drove in three runs and rookie Ike Davis went 4 for 4 to break out of a mini-slump as New York improved to 21-9 at home with its seventh straight home win. Jeff Francoeur had an RBI single and Ruben Tejada a run-scoring double off Nate Robertson (4-5).

Reds 5, Nationals 1

At Washington, rookie Mike Leake allowed an unearned run over seven innings to remain unbeaten for Cincinnati.

Leake (5-0) allowed seven hits, walked none and struck out five, becoming the first pitcher in Reds history to go undefeated after 11 major league starts. The right-hander is the first Cincinnati starting pitcher to win his first five decisions since Santo Alcala in 1976.

He also singled twice in three at-bats, raising his average to .417.

The Reds used RBI doubles by Joey Votto and Orlando Cabrera and run-scoring singles by Brandon Phillips and Jay Bruce to break a two-game skid.

Cubs 8, Astros 5

At Houston, rookie Tyler Colvin hit a two-run home run, and Aramis Ramirez homered and had 2 RBIs to help Chicago beat Houston and end a four-game losing streak.

The loss ended Houston's four-game winning streak, tied for its longest this season.

Ryan Dempster (4-5), who had lost five of his last six decisions, allowed six hits and three earned runs over 6 1-3 innings. He struck out seven and walked two.

Roy Oswalt (3-8) fell behind early on Ramirez's second inning homer. Ramirez added a run-scoring single in the fourth, and a sacrifice fly by Alfonso Soriano gave Chicago a 3-2 lead after four innings.

Cardinals 5, Brewers 4, 11 innings

At St. Louis, Colby Rasmus singled home the winning run in the 11th to lift St. Louis past Milwaukee.

Newly acquired Aaron Miles singled with one out in the 11th and advanced to second on Yadier Molina's base hit to center. Rasmus, who had three hits and three RBIs, laced a shot just in front of outfielder Jim Edmonds, who held on to the ball with Miles already around third.

Pirates 6, Giants 3

At Pittsburgh, Andrew McCutchen had four hits, including a homer, and scored three runs to lead Pittsburgh over San Francisco.

Ryan Doumit also homered for the Pirates and had four RBIs, and Paul Maholm (4-4) allowed two runs over 6 1-3 innings to become the first Pirates starter to win a game in almost three weeks.

Pittsburgh has won three of four since snapping a five-game losing streak.

Braves 9, Dodgers 3

At Los Angeles, Omar Infante drove in the tying and go-ahead runs with a single as Atlanta used a seven-run seventh inning to beat the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Brian McCann added a two-run double and Troy Glaus hit a two-run homer during the big inning for the Braves, who won for the 15th time in 18 games and maintained their two-game lead over Philadelphia in the National League East. McCann also hit a two-run single in the eighth.

Fowler keeps his lead at the Memorial

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP)—Rickie Fowler knew rain-softened Muirfield Village was giving up birdies, even if there was none on his card as he approached the turn Saturday with his lead dwindling.

He pounced with a shot that showed his age - 21 - isn't the only thing that sets him apart.

From a distance in the ninth fairway that typically called for a pitching wedge—125 yards, slightly downhill to a front pin just beyond the water—Fowler opted for a punch 9-iron that would keep the ball from spinning too much and possibly going into the water.

"I wasn't going to throw a pitching wedge and have the ball spinning very much," Fowler said. "It was like a cut-off 9, start the ball left, try to hit it down and had a little cut in there."

It stopped 6 feet behind the hole for his first birdie, and he was on his way.

Unfazed by six hours of rain delays or the 62 that Ricky Barnes shot—playing with Tiger Woods, no less—Fowler completed another round without a bogey and shot 3-under 69 to build a three-shot lead over Barnes and Tim Petrovic.

Now, he is one round away from joining the recent youth movement on the PGA Tour.

"I'm hitting the ball well," Fowler said. "I kept it out of trouble, and I knew opportunities were coming around. It was a matter of waiting for them."

Fowler was at 16-under 200 and had the largest 54-hole lead at the Memorial since Woods led by six shots in 2000.

Patience doesn't seem to fit with the trend toward youth. Fowler will try Sunday to become the third PGA Tour winner in the last six week at age 22 or under, joining Rory McIlroy, who won Quail Hollow two days before his 21st birthday, and Jason Day, who was 22 when he won the Byron Nelson Championship.

Experience might not be a factor in this case. The five players separated by five shots going into the final round have combined for one PGA Tour victory, by Petrovic in New Orleans in five years ago.

"I want to win against the best," Fowler said. "That doesn't change the way I play."

The largest crowd at Muirfield Village followed Woods, and the cheers were loud and frequent. They just weren't for him.

Barnes began his round my making a 40-foot birdie down the hill. Woods began his by walking to the hole as his birdie putt was about to drop, only to see it spin around the cup. Barnes holed out a 9-iron for eagle on No. 11 to reach 7 under for the day, and he kept right on going until he had the lowest round of his career, and the best score of the week.

"I think it probably got noticed a little bit more," Barnes said. "Obviously, the cameras were probably already in our group, so they didn't need to go anywhere. I'll take a 62 anywhere, wither it's with my buddies or a Saturday at the Memorial."

For the first time since Woods returned to competition, he refused to speak to the media. "I'm done," he said to a PGA Tour official before walking over a bridge toward the locker room, stopping to sign a few autographs at the top of a hill.

Woods had a 69, which included a double bogey on the 10th hole when his tee shot went 45 degrees to the right and out-of-bounds, much like his tee shot on the 14th hole of The Players Championship that went into a pond on the adjacent hole.

LIONS

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in the bottom half.

Richard Dela Cruz scored off a passed ball after belting a lead off triple and Colin Cruz scored off an error after reaching with a fielder's choice.

In the top of the third, the Fielders left a runner stranded at third base and then the Lions added two more to their lead in the bottom half from a two-RBI triple by Leo Blas that scored Greg Iskawa and Arthur Jebehn who reached off a lead off double and an error.

The Fielders got a run back in the top of the fourth from an RBI single by Patrick Tenorio that scored R.J. Villagomez. However, the Lions roared back again with a two-run homer by Ricardo Dela Cruz that made the score 6-2, Lions, after four.

Then the Fielders drew another blank to start the fifth and the Lions added a run from an RBI single by Richard Dela Cruz, who brought in Jebehn.

In the top of the sixth, the Fielders scored three runs in an effort to ignite a late rally.

With one out, Nathan Guerrero singled in Peter Tenorio who led off the inning with a base hit. After Patrick Tenorio drew a walk, Kevin Villagomez knocked in Guerrero and Marvin Ngeskebei later singled in Patrick before the Lions could get out of the inning.

After coming up empty in the bottom half and the Fielders managed runners at second and third in the top half of the seventh, the Lions held it down on defense for the championship victory.

Notables include the team selected most valuable player of the championship, Ricardo Dela Cruz, who busted the game-breaking two-run homerun in the bottom of the fourth that shot them ahead, 6-2, going into the late innings of the game.

In addition, Richard Dela Cruz may have only batted 1-for-4, but he knocked in three RBIs and crossed the plate once himself, and winning pitcher, Greg Iskawa, allowed one earned run in five and 1/3 innings with three strikeouts, four hits, six walks, and a hit by pitch.

PATRIOTS

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and later stole home.

An out and a bean ball later, Kent Kalen singled in Saralu soon followed by a two-out two-RBI single by Bret Halstead.

The Ol'Aces stranded a runner at third to start the third and the Patriots went 1-2-3 in the bottom half.

Then the Ol'Aces went 1-2-3 to start the fourth and the Patriots added four runs to their lead in the bottom.

Jonathan Villagomez led off with a single and stole home. The next three batters reached off two walks and a bean ball that set up a two-RBI single by Mizer and scored Kent Kalen and Jared Sablan. Lucio Kalen later scored off a passed ball before the Ol'Aces could escape.

The Ol'Aces started the fifth with a single, but then went 1-2-3 and continued their struggles at the plate.

With a 9-0 lead going into the bottom of the fifth, the Patriots knew it was just a matter of time.

Normally, the 10-run mercy rule is called off for championship games, but in this case it was clear and evident that the Patriots were not going to let up.

After an RBI triple by Jared Sablan with out that scored Kent Kalen who reached off an error, the officials granted the Patriots a run-rule victory.

Notables include winning pitcher and finals most valuable player Jeremy Rabauliman, who pitched five shutout innings with nine strikeouts, two hits, and four walks. Mizer batted 2-for-3 with two RBIs, a run, and a stolen base. Kent Kalen batted 1-for-2, but scored three runs with an RBI, a stolen base, and a base on balls. Halstead batted 1-for-2 with two RBIs.

IT&E

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unbeaten 7-0 record, drew 20 plus points from three players to withstand Konflict's repeated comeback bids.

Edsel Mendoza had a game-high 28 points, making eight in the second quarter when IT&E tried pulling away and turned a 20-17 lead to a 44-33 halftime lead.

Gus Palacios chipped in 26, helping IT&E control the game early, as he canned nine points in the first period. He was held to a field goal each in the second and third cantos, but redeemed himself in the payoff period, exploding for 12 points.

Ernie Fernandez added 21, scoring eight straight points in the second frame and consistently contributing to the team's offense in the second half. He had only two points in the first period, before finding his marks in the second quarter.

Junar Guiab had 19 points for Konflict, which made it to the semis after beating Shakir Realty in the first round, but was scoreless in the fourth, as he fouled out early in the final quarter. Jorge De Guzman also finished in double figures with 18, but was limited to one field goal in the fourth.

IT&E's gunners managed to hit their targets in the fourth, as Konflict players were a bit hesitant on defense due to foul troubles. Besides Guiab, Konflict big man Hae Jeon Park also fouled out in the fourth canto, while De Guzman and Sam Fernandez had four fouls apiece.

De Guzman and Guiab combined for 16 of Konflict's 24 points in the third, moving the team within points, entering the final canto, 57-61. However, Konflict could not complete the recovery, as it failed to neutralize Palacios, Mendoza, and Ernie Fernandez in the final period.

In the second semis game, Easy Does It also leaned on a second-quarter breakaway en route to a 16-point win over Brabu Bulls.

Hotshot Edgar Pangelinan logged nine early points, lifting East Does it to a 20-12 lead at the end of the opening quarter.

Brabu Bulls then made their move in the first few minutes of the second quarter, outgunning Easy Does It, 12-5, to move within two, 23-25. However, Pangelinan was at it again, drilling back-to-back layups and adding five more points to close the first half with Easy Does it on top, 43-30.

Brabu Bulls, who advanced to the semis after stunning Ebisuya in the first round of the playoffs, never recovered in the second half, awarding Easy Does It the final ticket to the finals. The IT&E-Easy Does It title game will be played on Saturday.

IT&E 90 – Mendoza 28, G. Palacios 26, Fernandez 21, Berline 6, Manibusan 6, Gabaldon 4, J. Palacios 3.

Konflict 79 – Guiab 19, De Guzman 18, Fernandez 16, Alipio 12, Park 8, Moreno 4, Estera 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-17, 44-33, 61-57, 90-79.

ITALY'S

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Three points away. A forehand winner followed, and Schiavone screamed. Two points away. She slid through the red clay and, lunging, poked yet another volley winner. She yelled again, hopping in place. One point away.

And then, after delivering a spin-laden backhand from the baseline, Schiavone watched the ball glance off Stosur's racket frame and deflect harmlessly in the wrong direction. Zero points away. The 17th-seeded Schiavone covered her face with both hands, then dropped to the ground and stayed on her back for a few moments, smearing her white outfit with rust-colored clay, relishing the 6-4, 7-6 (2) win over the No. 7-seeded Stosur and the many, little steps that brought her there, right where she always believed she could be.

Schiavone (pronounced Skee-ah-VOH-nay) curled over and kissed the court, giving thanks to "this clay, this beautiful tournament and this arena," as she put it later, for giving her "this opportunity and all the emotion that I am living."

She turns 30 this month, making her the oldest woman since 1969 to win her first Grand Slam championship. On Monday, Schiavone will rise to a career-best No. 6 in the WTA rankings, making her the oldest woman since 1998 to make her top-10 debut.

Consider how far she's come in only 12 months: At the 2009 French Open, Schiavone was ranked 50th and lost in the first round against—you guessed it—Stosur.

"When you achieve goals with self-awareness, by working on who you are and what you do every day of your life, you're able to appreciate it much more," she said in Italian. "I finally was ready to win this trophy."

Both she and those around her say the way Schiavone has grown as a person off the court in recent years helps her perform better on the court. She never had been past the quarterfinals at 38 previous major tournaments and had won only three titles anywhere.

"I wasn't like this 10 years ago. They know," she said, nodding toward Italian journalists who've tracked her career. "I decided to express myself, to be free, to be able to share my joy. Why not? When you give, you also can receive. If you remain closed, there's no exchange. I love to exchange. I love to give."

As far as tennis goes, it clearly also helps to have a concrete game plan and follow it perfectly, something Schiavone did against Stosur, who upset current No. 1 Serena Williams and past No. 1s Justine Henin and Jelena Jankovic en route to Saturday.

"You want the full fairy tale," Stosur said, her voice cracking, "but it didn't quite happen."

Not for her. But it did for Schiavone, who mixed speeds, went after Stosur's weaker backhand side, made sure to put the Australian's powerful serves in play, and pushed forward perfectly, winning 14 of the 15 points when she went to the net.

"I still don't think I played that bad. She just had her day. She went for it, and everything came off," Stosur said. "It takes guts to do that."

Neither of Saturday's participants played in a Grand Slam singles final before—only the fifth such matchup in the 42-year Open era—and everything was new.

"It was a big occasion," Stosur said, "and you never really know how you're going to react."

When they stepped on court, sun blazing and the temperature on its way to 86 degrees, Stosur wasn't quite sure what to do with the pastel-colored flowers she was handed. She placed them on her green changeover bench before a ballkid removed the bouquet and put it on the ground, leaving her space to sit.

YUMUL

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"I was obviously surprised, as it was one of the hardest holes on the west course. It is uphill and there is no way you can see your target once you tee off," Yumul said.

The west's No. 7 is a par-3, 180-yard hole. It may be short, but it is difficult to see the green surfaces, as the hole is located on the right bunker behind the greens. A long iron is required for an accurate shot.

"So, I just hit the ball hard and follow my swing and the next thing I knew, people saw the ball bounce once and then roll to the hole and they started celebrating," Yumul said.

It was a celebration Carl Hocog, Yumul's golf buddy, somehow predicted.

"I teased him on Facebook that he is going to celebrate in hole No. 7 come Saturday's tournament," said Hocog, who witnessed HANMI's presentation of the $25,000 prize to Yumul during Saturday night's awards ceremony at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

HANMI chair Nick Nishikawa of Hyatt Regency Saipan and Juko Ishikawa of Saipan World Resort handed out the prize to Yumul—$20,000 of which came from HANMI, while the $5,000 was courtesy of Traders Insurance.

Despite his hole-in-one, Yumul, who also won a five-gallon supply of water from Star Water for one year, finished only 15th out of 24 players entered in Flight A.

"I could not concentrate on the remaining holes, as I still couldn't believe Lady Luck smiled at me in hole No. 7," Yumul said.

The hole-in-one was only Yumul's fourth hole of the day. He started on the par-4 No. 4 and only saved par on his first hole, then double bogeyed the par-5 No. 5, and had another double-bogey on the par-4 No. 6 before redeeming himself on the No. 7 hole.

After his $25,000-worth hole-in-one, Yumul struggled in his last 14 holes. He made only four pars, six bogeys, two double bogeys, and two triple bogeys.

Yumul said he is going to use his prize to pay off some loans and he will keep the rest for other expenses.

The hole-in-one at Laolao was Yumul's second in 14 years of taming the greens and fairways of golf courses on Saipan. He made his first one during a regular practice round at Coral Ocean Point eight or nine years ago, and incidentally it was also on hole No. 7.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	36	20	.643	—
New York	34	22	.607	2
Boston	33	24	.579	3 1/2
Toronto	33	24	.579	3 1/2
Baltimore	15	41	.268	21

Central Division

Minnesota	33	23	.589	—
Detroit	29	26	.527	3 1/2
Chicago	23	32	.418	9 1/2
Kansas City	23	34	.404	10 1/2
Cleveland	21	33	.389	11

West Division

Texas	30	25	.545	—
Los Angeles	30	28	.517	1 1/2
Oakland	29	28	.509	2
Seattle	22	33	.400	8

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	33	23	.589	—
Philadelphia	30	24	.556	2
New York	29	27	.518	4
Florida	28	29	.491	5 1/2
Washington	27	30	.474	6 1/2

Central Division

St. Louis	33	23	.589	—
Cincinnati	32	24	.571	1
Chicago	25	30	.455	7 1/2
Pittsburgh	23	32	.418	9 1/2
Milwaukee	22	34	.393	11
Houston	21	35	.375	12

West Division

San Diego	32	23	.582	—
Los Angeles	32	24	.571	1/2
San Francisco	29	25	.537	2 1/2
Colorado	28	27	.509	4
Arizona	22	34	.393	10 1/2

Yesterday's Games

N.Y. Mets 6, Florida 1
St. Louis 5, Milwaukee 4, 11 innings
Chicago Cubs 8, Houston 5
Cincinnati 5, Washington 1
Philadelphia 6, San Diego 2
Pittsburgh 6, San Francisco 3
Arizona 4, Colorado 3
Toronto 3, N.Y. Yankees 2, 14 innings
L.A. Angels 11, Seattle 2
Texas 6, Tampa Bay 1
Boston 8, Baltimore 2
Cleveland 3, Chicago White Sox 1
Detroit 4, Kansas City 2
Minnesota 4, Oakland 3

MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT SCORES

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — Scores Saturday from the U.S. PGA Tour's $6 million Memorial Tournament at the par 72, 7,366-yard Muirfield Village Golf Course:

THIRD ROUND

Rickie Fowler	65-66-69—200
Ricky Barnes	70-71-62—203
Tim Petrovic	69-66-68—203
Justin Rose	65-69-70—204
Brendon de Jonge	71-69-65—205
Sean O'Hair	68-71-68—207
Jeff Overton	69-70-68—207
Bo Van Pelt	70-69-68—207
Kenny Perry	71-68-68—207
Jim Furyk	68-67-72—207
Spencer Levin	68-68-71—207
Rory McIlroy	72-68-68—208
Matt Kuchar	71-68-69—208
Stewart Cink	70-67-71—208
Phil Mickelson	67-71-70—208
Jason Day	67-69-72—208
Vijay Singh	71-72-66—209
Ryan Moore	70-69-70—209
Tom Pernice, Jr.	72-67-70—209
Thongchai Jaidee	71-70-69—210
Tiger Woods	72-69-69—210
Rory Sabbatini	67-73-70—210
Steve Marino	68-71-71—210
Steve Stricker	69-70-71—210
Geoff Ogilvy	65-77-69—211
Y.E. Yang	70-74-67—211
Nathan Green	72-72-67—211
Andres Romero	67-75-70—212
Pat Perez	71-70-71—212
D.A. Points	73-71-68—212
Alex Cejka	71-67-74—212
J.B. Holmes	68-74-71—213
Aaron Baddeley	71-71-71—213
Tom Lehman	70-73-70—213
Davis Love III	72-72-69—213
Chad Collins	73-72-68—213
J.P. Hayes	72-70-72—214
Matt Jones	70-71-73—214
Jerry Kelly	72-70-72—214
Zach Johnson	73-68-73—214
Tom Gillis	71-72-71—214
Dustin Johnson	72-69-73—214
Bill Haas	73-70-71—214
K.J. Choi	69-74-71—214
Greg Chalmers	74-70-70—214
Ben Curtis	73-72-69—214
Henrik Stenson	73-70-72—215
Charley Hoffman	72-71-72—215
Brett Quigley	70-70-75—215
Adam Scott	70-70-75—215
Vaughn Taylor	75-69-71—215
Carl Pettersson	69-70-76—215
Camilo Villegas	77-68-70—215
Bubba Watson	69-73-74—216
Peter Hanson	71-71-74—216
Tim Clark	70-71-75—216
Martin Laird	72-71-73—216
Fredrik Jacobson	68-75-73—216
Woody Austin	71-73-72—216
Kevin Sutherland	72-72-72—216
Kevin Stadler	69-75-72—216
Bryce Molder	74-71-71—216
Kevin Streelman	70-73-74—217
Brian Davis	71-73-73—217
Erik Compton	73-72-72—217
Mark Calcavecchia	72-72-74—218
Tim Herron	71-73-74—218
John Senden	73-72-73—218
John Merrick	73-72-73—218
D.J. Trahan	73-69-77—219
Brett Wetterich	71-74-77—222

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Camacho lifts Bon-Faiyah to title win

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REPORTER

Connie Camacho didn't wear the CNMI colors several times for nothing.

The many time CNMI Women's Nationals player delivered clutch plays for Bon-Faiyah during their 78-73 title-clinching win over Green Team in the 2010 Marianas Variety Women's Basketball League last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Camacho made a bucket in the paint to snap a Green Team rally and then threw a baseball pass to Dion Diaz for the insurance basket. All these happened in the last 38.7 seconds of Game 2 of the Bon-Faiyah-Green Team title tiff.

Bon-Faiyah forced a rubber match against Green Team, which had a twice-to-beat advantage in the finals, after the former eked out a thrilling 63-62 victory in Game 1.

Game 2 was another scary win for Bon-Faiyah, as despite its repeated efforts to pull away, Green Team was just too stubborn to give in.

The last time Green Team threatened Bon-Faiyah was at the 73-74 count when Christina Engelhardt picked up a loose ball and made a banked shot, with 38.7 seconds left of the clock.

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Members of Bon-Faiyah flash the No. 1 sign after beating Green Team, 78-73, and ruling the women's caging last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Bon-Faiyah sued for time and in the ensuing plays, Camacho took matters in her own hands. She drove to the right wing against two defenders and missed a banked shot. However, she grabbed the offensive rebound and pulled up for another shot closer to the basket and made it, giving Bon-Faiyah a 76-73 lead, with 18.4 seconds to go in the fourth.

Green Team called for a time out to set up for a three-point shot, but when the game resumed it failed to complete the play, as Melody Matson was caught stepping at the right sideline on her way to pulling up for a triple.

When Bon-Faiyah regained possession, Camacho went for the inbound and read Green Team going for a full court press, so she wisely made the long pass to Diaz, who was sprinting to their frontcourt. Diaz went all the way to the basket, drilled the shot, and drew a foul against a Green Team defender.

Diaz muffed the bonus charity, but Bon-Faiyah had another offensive rebound. Green Team attempted for a steal, but lost precious seconds in trying to grab the leather. When it did, Green Team had only 2.1 seconds left to inbound the ball from Bon-Faiyah's court and it was not enough to overhaul the latter's five-point lead, 78-73, or for the former to even make a decent shot.

Bon-Faiyah 78 – Camacho 30, Bennett 20, Benavente 12, Diaz 12, Lebria 2.

Green Team 73 – M. Matson 27, C. Engelhardt 14, C. Engelhardt 14, Mobel 8, E. Matson 6, Tacliad 2.

Scoring by quarters: 24-20, 42-33, 62-55, 78-73.

IT&E vs Easy Does It in Masters finals

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IT&E and Easy Does It earned two playoff wins over the weekend to set up their title showdown in the 2010 MGD/MBFNMI 35A Masters Basketball League.

IT&E downed Team 10 in its first playoff assignment on Saturday and then returned to the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium on Sunday to beat Konflict in the semifinals, 90-79, and take the first finals berth.

Easy Does It clinched the second and last finals seat after crushing Brabu Bulls in the other semifinal game on Sunday, 86-70. Easy Does It advance to the semifinals after topping QQ Rent a Car in the first round of the single-elimination playoffs.

In the first semis game, IT&E, which took the No. 1 seeding in Pool A with its

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Easy Does It's Oscar Sablan is sandwiched by two Brabu Bulls defenders during their semis game in the Masters caging yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Ericco helps prepare Oleai pitch for Marianas Cup

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CNMI and Guam strikers competing in the 4th Annual Marianas Football Cup are assured of a safer and better playing surface on June 19 when the one-day tournament kicks off at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

This after Northern Mariana Islands Football Association got assistance from a local company in preparing the pitch that will host games featuring the CNMI men's and women's football teams and their Guam counterparts.

Maeda Pacific Corporation/Ericco LLC donated 40 metric tons of sand (40 bags), which will be used to prepare the Oleai field for the Marianas Cup. The field has been off limits to the public since last month, as NMIFA had already started rehabilitating the field and putting fertilizers to the drying playing surface.

Last Monday, Maeda Pacific Corporation/Ericco LLC owner Eric Cruz went to the field to personally deliver the sand. Cruz said a friend referred NMIFA to his company, as the group had a hard time finding sands for the pitch.

"I was told they went to various companies, but sand were out of stock, so they approached us. When I found out they will use the sand to repair the field for the Marianas Cup, I just decided to donate the sand," Cruz said.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Eric Cruz of Maeda Pacific Corporation/Ericco LLC poses near the 40 metric tons of sand his company donated for the rehabilitation of the Oleai Sports Complex Field, which will be the venue of the Marianas Cup.

"The company is proud to be part of a worthy activity, such as the Marianas Cup. Once the field is okay, players in the Marianas Cup will not be the only ones to benefit from the pitch rehabilitation, but other CNMI players, especially our youth," Cruz added.

The donation from Cruz's company saved NMIFA around $12,000, as each bag of sand has an estimated cost of $300.

"NMIFA is very grateful to Ericco and Mr. Eric Cruz for the very generous donation of sand, which is crucial to the ongoing project of rehabilitating the soccer pitch in preparation for the 4th Annual Marianas Football Cup. The Oleai field is now one of the most important soccer pitches for NMIFA, as players in the men's, women's, interscholastic, and U18 league/tournaments are all playing there. As a non-profit organization, we could not afford to do this improvement without support from private donors, such as Ericco," NMIFA president Jerry Tan said

"Thus, on behalf of over 1,000 footballers in the CNMI, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Eric Cruz for this donation, as better pitch condition helps improve players' skills level and minimize injury," he added.

More helping hands for Marianas Cup

Northern Mariana Islands Football Association's preparations for the 4th Annual Marianas Football Cup is getting easier as the event nears, as it continued to draw help both from the public and private sectors.

NMIFA general secretary Ed Salas said preparation for the annual Marianas Cup started about four weeks ago and they had been fortunate to get help from various government agencies, a private company, and members of the NMIFA family in rehabilitating the pitch and promoting the event.

The Marianas Cup that will feature the men's and women's teams of the CNMI and Guam will be played at the Oleai Sports Complex Field, which has been undergoing rehabilitation since late last month.

Salas said fertilizer and tons of sands were spread around the drying pitch with the management of Laolao Bay Golf Resort allowing NMIFA to use its equipment (spreader) for such laborious activity. Laolao Bay also lent its manpower to NMIFA to do the works at the field and donated 20 bags of fertilizer.

Two government agencies—the Saipan Mayor's Office and Department of Public Works also helped out in preparing the pitch. The Saipan Mayor's Office lent its lowboy hauler, while DPW allowed NMIFA to use its backhoe to bring the spreader down to Susupe from Kagman.

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MP United's Andrew Johnson, left, and Jehn Joyner pick up rocks during a clean-up drive at the Oleai Sports Complex Field last Saturday.

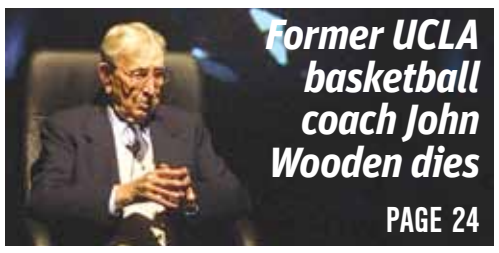
"DPW, Saipan Mayor's Office, and Laolao Bay helped us make sure the field will be ready before we host the Marianas Cup and play against Guam," Salas said.

"If you saw the field several weeks ago, the condition was really poor. There were few grasses, the soil was very dry, and there were lots of rocks. It was like an accident is waiting to happen," Salas said.

Weeks after the rehabilitation started, Salas and more than 30 players, volunteers, officials, and parents, returned to the Oleai field Saturday morning and saw fresh grasses beginning to grow. They then picked up rocks for about 30 minutes and placed them in bags for disposal outside the field.

The Marianas Cup will be held on June 19 with the CNMI challenging Guam's men's and women's squads and hoping to grab the perpetual trophy that the visitors had taken in the past three editions of the annual event.

A poster made by IT&E has been circulating to promote the event to the public. IT&E also donated training shirts for members of the CNMI team. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***



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Senior, Junior champions crowned

WALTER J. SUTHERLAND

The Lions defeated the Fielders, 7-5, in Saturday's 2010 Saipan Little League Senior Division championship game at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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In five innings, the Patriots shut down the Ol'Aces, 10-0, in Saturday's 2010 Saipan Little League Junior Division championship game at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

» Lions beat Fielders to top Senior league

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The Lions defeated the Fielders, 7-5, in Saturday's 2010 Saipan Little League Senior Division Championship showdown at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Fielders scored first, but the Lions hit the ball a little better throughout the contest and played with the lead for the majority of the game. A couple weeks back, the Lions lost a battle to the Fielders, 7-6, to close out the regular season, but on Saturday's championship stage, their lion hearts showed through to win the war.

The visiting Fielders left everyone stranded after three lead off walks loaded the bases with one out in the top of the first; the Lions went 1-2-3 in the bottom half.

Then the Fielders' Nathan Guerrero scored Peter Tenorio who got plunked to start the second inning with a sacrifice fly, but the Lions took a 2-1 lead

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» Patriots run-rule Ol'Aces, win Juniors

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The Patriots dominated the second seeded Ol'Aces, 10-0, in five innings to win the 2010 Saipan Little League Junior Division championship last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

They basically displayed an exceptional performance in every element of the game. A collaboration of consistent pitching, solid defense, patient power hitting, and aggressive base running all contributed to their one-sided victory.

The Ol'Aces only managed five base runners all game and two of them were thrown out in the base path while the other three were left stranded; only one runner even made it to second.

After a scoreless first, the visiting Ol'Aces were stuffed at the plate and the Patriots jumped ahead with five runs in the bottom half.

Raymond Saralu singled in Christian Mizer who led off with a base hit.

Second batter, Henry Rabauliman drew a walk after Mizer

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Italy's Schiavone defeats Stosur, wins French Open

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP TENNIS WRITER

PARIS (AP)—For more than a decade as a professional tennis player, and nearly 30 years as a person, Francesca Schiavone waited and worked to reach this particular moment on this particular court, and there was no way she was going to conceal her excitement about arriving.

As Schiavone moved closer, point by important point, to winning the French Open title, and to giving Italy its first female champion at a Grand Slam tournament, she let everyone watching share in the sheer joy.

At 2-all in the second-set tiebreaker of Saturday's taut final against Samantha Stosur of Australia, Schiavone hit a forehand volley winner and raised a fist, well aware she was four points from victory.

Schiavone next smacked a volley to end a nine-stroke exchange and jumped to celebrate.

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AP

Italy's Francesca Schiavone smiles while holding her cup after defeating Australia's Samantha Stosur in the women's final match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Saturday, June 5, 2010.

Yumul $25K richer after hole-in-one

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Veteran golfer Ralph Yumul shot a dismal 15-over par 87 in the 9th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort and was booted out of the Top 3 in A Flight of the Saturday tournament.

But who cares? He was still the biggest winner in the weekend tournament even if you add up all the earnings of the Top 3 placers in all six flights in the 147-player field.

This after Yumul made a hole-in-one on the No. 7 hole on the west course of the Kagman facility and won a whopping $25,000 prize. His hole-in-one shot took away the spotlight from Championship flight winner Gi-Seoung Kim and other top placers in A (Tim Goodwin), B (Ned Norita), C (Gerald Guerrero), Senior (Toshiyuki Mori), and Ladies (Leina Kim) flights.

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Twenty-five thousand and 00/100 dollars
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$5,000 Traders Insurance
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Ralph Yumul, center, is all smiles after receiving his $25,000 hole-in-one prize from HANMI chair Nick Nishikawa of Hyatt Regency Saipan, left, and World Resort's Juko Ishikawa during the awards ceremony for the 9th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament last Saturday at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.